

## **97500.119 Service Area**

Service area means that geographic region comprised of those zip code areas from where an applicant, as contemplated by Health and Safety Code section 1250.9, with the concurrence of the Office, reasonably estimates that a preponderance of its patients will originate. The service area shall be determined by an analysis of current patient origin patterns of those physicians, dentists and podiatrists who have agreed to refer postsurgical care patients to the facility or distinct part. In determining which zip code areas to include in defining a service area, an applicant shall begin with that zip code area with the highest number of projected patients, then add the area with the next highest number, and continue to do this, using only areas which have at least five (5) percent of the number of projected patients, until the total reaches or exceeds sixty-five (65) percent or until the only remaining areas have less than five (5) percent of the number of projected patients. The zip code areas need not be contiguous.