

MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES

12 VAC 5-300-30. Availability; need.

The establishment of new ICF/MR facilities should not be authorized unless the following conditions are met:

1. Alternatives to the service proposed to be provided by the new ICF/MR are not available in the area to be served by the new facility;

2. There is a documented source of resident referrals for the proposed new facility;

3. The applicant can identify the manner in which the proposed new facility fits into the continuum of care for the mentally retarded;

4. There are ~~specific local conditions~~ distinct and unique geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, transportation, or other factors affecting access to care which require development of a new ICF/MR;

5. Alternatives to the development of a new ICF/MR consistent with the Medicaid waiver program have been considered and can be reasonably discounted in evaluating the need for the new

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facility.

6. The proposed new facility is consistent with the current DMHMRSAS Comprehensive Plan and the mental retardation service priorities for the catchment area identified in the plan;

7. Ancillary and supportive services needed for the new facility are available; and

8. Service alternatives for residents of the proposed new facility who are ready for discharge from the ICF/MR setting are available.

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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