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Subject: Interim Standards For Lithotripsy Services.

Section 1 General

1.1 Scope - These rules establish interim standards for use by the State Health Planning and Development Agency in ruling upon applications proposing lithotripsy services. Since the State Health Plan is silent regarding such services, it is necessary for the SHPDA to promulgate interim standards for its use until the State Health Plan is amended.

1.2 Authority - These rules are issued under the authority of West Virginia Code, Chapter 16, Article 2D, Section 8. The West Virginia Health Care Cost Review Authority was made responsible for administration of the Certificate of Need Program pursuant to West Virginia Code, §16-29B-11.

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Section 2 Introduction - These interim standards seek to provide guidance in the development of lithotripsy services in West Virginia. The field of lithotripsy is an emerging one; considerable development and refinement in its technology can be expected in the relatively near future. Thus, these interim standards are directed to initial services development, with the expectation that the Plan Development Committee of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will further consider costs, benefits and areas of utilization of lithotripsy services in their development of standards for inclusion into the West Virginia State Health Plan.

2.1 These interim standards will be utilized by the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA), and should be used by other interested or impacted parties in addressing the following issues:

2.1.1 Guidance in the orderly development of lithotripsy services.

2.1.2 The identification of data needs.

2.1.3 The review of Certificate of Need proposals for lithotripsy services.

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2.2 These standards are intended for use in the review procedures of the WV SHPDA; they do not supplant or supercede state licensure regulations, federal certification standards, or accreditation standards. These standards and criteria stated here apply to organizations and institutions proposing to provide lithotripsy services.

Section 3 Definition - Extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy (ESWL) is a technique primarily used for pulverizing kidney stones in vivo by focusing shock waves on the stone.

Section 4 Accessibility of Services

4.1 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall document:

4.1.a Written clinical criteria clearly specifying who is eligible for the service.

4.1.b Patient selection policies which provide that no otherwise eligible person shall be denied services on account of age, behavioral disability, type of payor or ability to pay.

4.1.c A scheduling priority system, without regard to patient origin, should be based on patient need.

4.1.d Charges for referral services shall be at rates no higher than those charged customarily to patients in the facility providing the service.

4.2 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall provide accessibility to the handicapped through implementation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. 29 U.S.C. §701 et seq.

4.3 The SHPDA shall initially give priority consideration to those applications for a Certificate of Need for lithotripsy services which make lithotripsy services accessible to the greatest number of people and which make lithotripsy services available at the greatest economic benefit for West Virginia residents.

Section 5 Availability of Services

5.1 Consideration shall be given to the access of lithotripsy services to medical school research and teaching hospitals with approved residency programs in urology.

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5.2 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall document policies which assure availability of the lithotripsy unit to graduate education programs in urology and other medical specialties approved by the appropriate national accrediting bodies.

5.3 The initial Certificate of Need approvals issued by the SHPDA relative to the development of lithotripsy services in West Virginia shall be limited to one site in each service area. Service Area I shall consist of Regional Health Advisory Council areas one through four. Service Area II shall consist of Regional Health Advisory Council areas five through eleven. SHPDA will approve only one application in each service area unless a more cost-effective, technologically and clinically superior alternative is available for clinical use. These service areas shall be used only for the initial Certificate of Need decisions, and shall be reviewed by the SHPDA thereafter on a yearly basis and modified if appropriate.

✓ 5.4 The ESWL program should ensure that Board certified/qualified urologists have the opportunity to obtain privileges to use the lithotripter unit.

Section 6 Quality of Services

6.1 The lithotripsy unit to be acquired and used for patient care must have pre-market approval (PMA) by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for clinical use, or the applicant must document that the unit to be acquired has received an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) from the FDA, and the applicant must document that its site has received approval from the FDA as an IDE site.

6.2 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall document prior to implementation, that a full-time board-certified urologist with at least 80 hours of training in lithotripsy services shall be responsible for managing operation of the lithotripsy unit.

6.3 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall prepare a written plan prior to implementation of the service for training technologists in the use of lithotripsy equipment to be acquired.

6.4 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall ensure that at least one staff member trained in CPR is on duty in the unit during its use.

Section 7 Cost of Services

7.1 Organizations proposing to provide lithotripsy services shall document, as specified by the Health Care Cost Review Authority, their ability to finance and operate such equipment.

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7.2 Charges for the provision of clinical lithotripsy services shall be reasonably consistent with the allowable costs of providing these services as specified by the West Virginia Health Care Cost Review Authority.

7.3 Organizations proposing lithotripsy services shall document that lithotripsy is the most cost-effective form of stone management.

Section 8 Continuity of Services

8.1 Organizations proposing to provide lithotripsy services shall have available on staff, or through referral, physicians who have completed a residency program or are currently eligible for board certification in at least the following medical specialties:

- 8.1.a Urology
- 8.1.b Nephrology
- 8.1.c Internal medicine
- 8.1.d Pathology
- 8.1.e Radiology
- 8.1.f Anesthesiology

8.2 Organizations proposing to provide lithotripsy services shall assure that such services are part of an integrated program of urology services including endo-urological expertise with on-site access to the necessary equipment and personnel.

8.3 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall, prior to the implementation of the service, document the design of a complete data base which includes technical factors which may be related to patient safety; indications for examination; and results in correlation with clinical, surgical, and/or pathological findings. The data base shall be designed so that it can become a part of a national data base.

Section 9 Acceptability of Services

9.1 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall demonstrate that the facility in which the services are to be offered is in accordance with the manufacturer's safety standards and with applicable federal and state standards.

9.2 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall specify the mechanism for limiting the hazardous effects of the lithotripsy machine.

9.3 Organizations seeking to provide lithotripsy services shall specify appropriate emergency procedures for patients.

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Section 10 Termination of Interim Standards. These interim standards shall automatically and without further action by either the Legislature or the West Virginia Health Care Cost Review Authority terminate upon the approval by the Governor of an amendment to the State Health Plan concerning this same subject matter. Such termination shall not affect the validity or finality of decisions made pursuant to these interim standards prior to such termination nor be a basis for reconsideration of any such prior decision.

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