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CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

I Hereby Certify That The Attached Rules Were Adopted
In Compliance with Act 434 of 1967 As Amended.

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(The Division of Health Facility Services, Department of Health (ADH) licenses home health agencies. Before an agency can be licensed or an existing agency can change its license category or service area, a Permit of Approval must be obtained).

- I. METHODOLOGY - The following is the standard to be used in the review of additional or expanded home health agencies. The methodology is based on the following assumptions: 1) More populated areas tend to have a higher population density. 2) Areas with higher population density can be served with fewer staff due to reduced travel time. Thus it will take fewer staff to serve the same number of patients in a metropolitan than it would to serve the patients in rural area.
- A. An area* with up to 30,000 population may be approved for a maximum of two agencies.
 - B. An area with 30,000 to 50,000 population may be approved for a maximum of three agencies.
 - C. An area with 50,000 to 75,000 population may be approved for a maximum of four agencies.
 - D. An area with 75,000 to 110,000 population may be approved for a maximum of five agencies.
 - E. An area with 110,000 to 150,000 population may be approved for a maximum of six agencies.
 - F. An area with 150,000 to 250,000 population may be approved for a maximum of seven agencies.
 - G. An area with 250,000 to 400,000 population may be approved for a maximum of eight agencies.

*Area refers to the service area, or geographic area, served or proposed to be served by a Home Health Agency or an applicant.

H. An area with 400,000 and over population would be approved for a maximum of one agency per every 50,000 population.

II. EXCEPTION - Approvals may be granted in those counties served by less than three home health agencies when the methodology does not show a need if the applicant offers documentation to prove that existing agencies are not meeting the needs of the service area population.

III. APPLICATIONS FOR A CHANGE IN LICENSURE CATEGORY - An agency with a "B" license that applies for a Permit of Approval to proceed with obtaining a "A" license will have to meet published criteria including the standard of need. Such approvals may not exceed the standard of need unless the applicant has provided evidence to support an exception as noted in II.

IV. UNFAVORABLE REVIEW - No application will be approved for a new home health agency or an expanded service area or change in license category if the applicant has suffered a condition level of deficiencies as determined by the ADH in its last two annual surveys.