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April 18, 2019

Ms. Emily T. Marsal
Executive Director
State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
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RE: PA2019-005
EAMC – Lanier

Dear Ms. Marsal:

I am in receipt of your April 16, 2019, correspondence requesting a correction and additional information on the proposed Plan Adjustment.

Attached please find corrected page 3 of the Plan Adjustment that reflects the CON authorized bed total for EAMC-Lanier at 115.

Attached please find an Addendum to the Plan Adjustment application regarding the additional information that became available after the original data request provided by SHPDA on February 12, 2019. In addition, an updated map showing the facility locations in the Southeast Planning region is attached.

The Population Projections in the original Plan Adjustment are correct.

Please let me know if you need any additional information in order to complete the review of the Plan Adjustment.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Preston

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INTRODUCTION

East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC) – Lanier is a 115-bed inpatient acute care facility located in Valley, Alabama and is the only general acute care hospital in Chambers County. Serving the community and residents of Chambers County, EAMC-Lanier saw over 15,000 emergency room visits, provided more than 2,500 surgeries and approximately 10,000 inpatient days of care in 2018. Services provided include inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, critical care unit, a Nasal & Sinus Institute, imaging services, and an urgent care clinic.

EAMC-Lanier Nursing Home has 103 dually certified skilled and intermediate nursing care beds. The nursing home has semi-private and private rooms and is attached to EAMC-Lanier hospital. By being attached to the hospital, residents and their families know that 24-hour emergent care is just down the hall.

Chambers County is home to four (4) nursing homes with a total of 320 beds that, according to 2018 SHPDA Annual Reports, provided 106,712 resident days that resulted in a 91.4% utilization rate. Of the total 457 admissions to Chambers County nursing homes, 81% admissions were residents aged 65 and older.



ADDENDUM

At the time when the applicant's data request to SHPDA was made, Bullock County Hospital was delinquent in filing their 2018 Annual Report, thus SHPDA did not include this information in their findings. As a result, this data was not included in the Plan Adjustment filed on March 29, 2019.

Since the original data request, Bullock County Hospital has filed the necessary annual report which includes a 10-bed geriatric inpatient psychiatric unit. Reflecting this information in the analysis and charts presented in the Plan Adjustment application is illustrated below:

NEED FOR ADJUSTMENT

Total number of inpatient geriatric psychiatric beds in the Southeast Region: 116

Distance From EAMC-Lanier

Existing Provider	Distance in Miles	Distance in Drive Time
Medical Center Barbour	78	1:57
Mizell Memorial Hospital	151	3:19
Dale Medical Center	120	2:56
Community Hospital	64	1:12
Wiregrass Medical Center	173	3:39
Crossbridge Behavioral Health	81	1:38
Troy Regional Medical Center	115	2:14
Bullock County Hospital	68	1:27

2019 Online Bing Maps Search

The average distance in miles from EAMC-Lanier to any of the existing Southeast Planning Region providers is 106 miles taking on average 2 hours and 18 minutes to access.

CURRENT AND PROJECTED UTILIZATION

According to the 2018 SHPDA Annual Reports and data reports from SHPDA, the utilization rates for geriatric inpatient psychiatric units in the Southeast Planning Region varied from 36% to 82% based upon beds staffed. Overall the Southeast Planning Region operated at approximately 58% utilization.

Based upon the target demographic population increases, utilization of geriatric inpatient psychiatric services can be expected to grow in the Southeast Planning Region.



