

**Department of Public Health  
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Sub-Committee on Acute Care and Ambulatory Surgery Services**

**Regional Service Areas**

Please see attached matrix offering a comparison of current service area definitions (Appendix A).

- Service areas should consider both in-migration and out-migration. This may vary based on specific service lines and should be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- In general, a broader geographic definition is preferable – existing HSA Regions or DEMHS should be considered for consistency.
- Existing focus is primarily on Inpatient Acute Care – the changing delivery landscape will dictate increased access to a variety of outpatient services – the definition of regions should reflect this need.
- A standard definition of Primary Service Areas (PSA) should be considered. This definition should be consistent with Stark definitions of 80% as follows:
  - Incoming “physicians” must come from the outside of the hospital’s service area, which is defined as the lowest number of contiguous postal zip codes from which the hospital draws 75% of its Inpatients

Exclusions/exceptions should be considered for:

- Exceptions to the 80% definition need to be considered for the following:
  - Service Lines such as Cardiac Surgery, Transplant, etc.
  - Outpatient services
- Postal codes that have a low number population that would be not representative of the entire town

Acute Care Hospital:	Health Service Agency					EMS Region					DMHAS Region					County							
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	Fairfield	Hartford	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham	
Backus			X																				
Bridgeport	X					X																	
Bristol				X																			
C Hungerford					X																		
CT Children's				X																			
Danbury					X																		
Day Kimball			X																				
J Dempsey				X																			
Greenwich	X					X																	
Griffin		X																					
Hartford				X																			
HCC				X																			
J Memorial				X																			
L&M			X																				
Manchester				X																			
Middlesex			X																				
Midstate		X																					
Milford		X																					
New Milford					X																		
Norwalk	X					X																	
Rockville				X																			
St Francis				X																			
Sharon					X																		
St Mary's					X																		
St Raphael																							
St Vincent's	X					X																	
Stamford	X					X																	
Waterbury					X																		
Windham			X																				
YNHH		X																					
<b>TOTAL # HOSPITALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

Factors to consider:  
Population density  
State borders  
# Providers  
Provider networks  
Urban vs. rural

Not included - OPM CT Regional Planning; (5) Planning agencies; (3) Council of Elected Officials; (7) Councils of Governments