**Section 1250.1520 Need**

a) Criteria #1: What is the projected community need for the service?

b) Standard #1: There should be adequate capability to treat all patients requiring service. The volume of patients projected requiring chronic dialysis treatment should not exceed the capability of area equipment at a utilization rate of six-hundred and twenty six procedures per operating station per year. (Assumes two shifts per day with one patient seen per shift over six day work week). Adjustment to this standard shall be made for facilities providing peritoneal dialysis.

c) Data Factors:

1) Demographics of area including age mix.

2) Projected incidence.

3) Projected volume of residents seeking service.

4) Facilities providing service

A) Location

B) Number of stations

C) Hours of operation

D) Historical utilization

5) Patient origin.

d) Standard #2: The number of patients requiring chronic end stage renal services should be sufficient to support existing programs at a utilization of 80% occupancy annually. (Assumes 626 procedures per operating station per year equals 100% occupancy.)

e) Data Factors:

1) Historical annual patient volume.

2) Projected annual patient volume.

3) Number of stations per facility.

f) Standard #3: Any facility performing kidney transplants should perform a minimum number of kidney transplants annually consistent with the requirements of the Health Care Financing Administration.

g) Data Factors:

1) Location of transplant centers.

2) Volume of transplants by age of patients.

3) Length of stay.