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1. The need for an ambulatory surgical treatment center shall be based upon the following assumptions:
 - a. An operating room is available 250 days per year, 8 hours per day.
 - b. The average time per outpatient surgery case is 60 minutes.
 - c. The average time for clean up and preparation between outpatient surgery cases is 30 minutes.
 - d. The capacity of a dedicated, outpatient, general-purpose operating room is 80% of full capacity. That equates to 800 cases per year.
 - e. Unstaffed operating rooms are considered available for ambulatory surgery and are to be included in the inventory and in the measure of capacity.
2. "Service Area" shall mean the county or counties represented by the applicant as the reasonable area to which the facility intends to provide services and/or in which the majority of its service recipients reside.
3. The majority of the population of a service area for an ambulatory surgical treatment center should reside within 30 minutes travel time to the facility.
4. All applicants should demonstrate the ability to perform a minimum of 800 operations and/or procedures per year per operating room and/or procedure room. This assumes 250 days x 4 surgeries/procedures x .80.
5. A certificate of need (CON) proposal to establish a new ambulatory surgical treatment center or to expand the existing services of an ambulatory surgical treatment center shall not be approved unless the existing ambulatory surgical services within the applicant's service area or within the applicant's facility are demonstrated to be currently utilized at 80% of service capacity. Notwithstanding the 80% need standard, the Health Facilities Commission may consider proposals for additional facilities or expanded services within an existing facility under the following conditions: proposals for facilities offering limited-specialty type programs or proposals for facilities where accessibility to surgical services is limited.
6. A CON proposal to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center or to expand existing services of an ambulatory surgical treatment must specify the number of projected surgical operating rooms to be designated for ambulatory surgical services.
7. A CON proposal to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center or to expand existing services of an ambulatory surgical treatment center must project patient utilization for each of the first eight quarters following the completion of the proposed project. All assumptions, including the specific methodology by which utilization is projected, must be clearly stated.

8. A CON proposal to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center or to expand the existing services of an ambulatory surgical treatment center must project patient origin by percentage and county of residence. All assumptions, including the specific methodology by which utilization is projected, must be clearly stated.