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A. Need

1. A specific service area should be identified and all existing providers of obstetrical services in that service area should be identified.
2. The female population aged 15-44 in the service area should be identified. The current year's population and the population four years hence should be used.
3. The number of obstetrical patients served by the facility over the past three years should be listed.
4. The estimated number of obstetrical patients affected by the discontinuance of obstetrical services should be listed. The estimated number of obstetrical patients below the federally established poverty level and affected by the discontinuance of the service should be listed separately.

B. Accessibility

1. Indicate the distance in miles and approximate travel time that patients in need of obstetrical services would have to travel, should the service be discontinued at the designated site.
2. Indicate the modes of transportation which will be used by obstetrical patients to travel to alternate sites, should the service be discontinued at the designated site.
3. Indicate the facilities that will provide obstetrical services in the service area, should the service be discontinued at the designated site.
4. The charges for obstetrical services at alternate service delivery sites should be compared to those of the facility seeking to discontinue the service.
5. The applicant should document that TennCare and/or Medicare patients can receive obstetrical services at the alternate service delivery sites.