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1. There should be no more than one burn unit bed for every 225,000 persons. This standard may be adjusted to reflect actual incidence in a geographic medical service area as documented by the applicant.
2. The need shall be based upon the current year's population projected four years forward.
3. Each new burn unit proposed shall have a minimum of 12 beds with 6-9 beds designated for adults and 3-6 beds for pediatric patients.
4. All existing specialized burn care beds in a service area must have an annual occupancy rate of 70 percent before any additional beds are approved.
5. Each proposed burn unit should document that a minimum of 50 patients with major burn injury to moderate uncomplicated burn injury will be treated each year.
6. Each burn unit shall have available, either through direct control or through a network of clearly identified relationships, a system of transportation sufficient to bring patients to the unit.
7. A network of relationships should be available to transport patients to other units when there are no beds available at a particular site.