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1. The need for outpatient diagnostic services shall be determined on a county by county basis (with data presented for contiguous counties for comparative purposes) and should be projected four years into the future using available population figures.
2. Approval of additional outpatient diagnostic services will be made only when it is demonstrated that existing services in the applicant's geographical service area are not adequate and/or there are special circumstances that require additional services.
3. Any special needs and circumstances:
 - a. The needs of both medical and outpatient diagnostic facilities and services must be analyzed.
 - b. Other special needs and circumstances, which might be pertinent, must be analyzed.
 - c. The applicant must provide evidence that the proposed diagnostic outpatient services will meet the needs of the potential clientele to be served.
 1. The applicant must demonstrate how emergencies within the outpatient diagnostic facility will be managed in conformity with accepted medical practice.
 2. The applicant must establish protocols that will assure that all clinical procedures performed are medically necessary and will not unnecessarily duplicate other services.