

**WAC 246-310-370 Nursing home bed need method revision.** (1) The department shall review the projection method and may make changes in accordance with the following process:

(a) The appropriate consumer and provider representatives and the department of social and health services shall be notified of the department's plan to evaluate the projection method and be provided information on the process for participating in the evaluation;

(b) Proposed revisions to the projection method shall be developed in consultation with the responding representatives. An opportunity for public comment on the proposed revisions to the projection method will be provided prior to filing the proposed rules.

(2) When reviewing the projection method the department shall consider the following:

(a) The national bed-to-population ratio and the bed-to-population ratios of other states judged by the aging and adult services administration of the department of social and health services to have reasonable and progressive long-term care policies;

(b) Data and information provided by provider and consumer representatives;

(c) State governmental policy goals for distributing scarce resources between nursing homes and other institutional or community based services;

(d) The effects of developments in the delivery or financing of long-term care services on nursing home bed need; and

(e) Progress in developing other long-term care services for the statewide resident population.

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