

Subcommittee on Acute Care and Ambulatory Surgery

**STATUS REPORT**  
**AMBULATORY SURGERY:**  
**STANDARDS AND**  
**GUIDELINES**

# Ambulatory Surgery Centers

- Our Subcommittee is charged with recommending standards and guidelines for the development and/or expansion of ASCs in CT
- The process began with OHCA providing an overview of the current CON process
- Discussed standards and guidelines in several states to assist with our discussions. (Alaska, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and West Virginia)

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- ◎ OHCA would like the standards and guidelines to address:
  - Service Area
  - Capacity
  - Utilization
  - Requirements to add a new ASC
  - Physician Referral Patterns
  - Time/Distance to Hospital
  - OR definition
  - Requirements to add additional ORs
  - Exceptions

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- The Subcommittee developed draft recommendations which included:
  - Background on ambulatory surgical care and recent statutory changes
  - Surgical Trend Information
  - A Facility Location Map-hospital and ASC/HOPD
  - Specific Recommendations designed to enhance the 9 general guidelines and principles currently included in C.G.S. 19a-639
    - Incorporating quality standards and safety initiatives
  - Identified key areas which present problems for standardization, including:
    - Service Area, Capacity, Utilization
    - Further Discussion in these areas

# Summary

- ⦿ Enthusiastic Debate
- ⦿ The Subcommittee is working on additional recommendations in key areas
- ⦿ Exceptions
  - Adding a single OR as provided in statute
  - The Waiver Process
  - New Technology
  - Potential Specialty Issues