

(1) **Minimum Average Daily Census for Establishment of a Pediatric Unit.**

An acute care general hospital may establish a new pediatric service only if the projected average daily census of pediatric patients to be served by the hospital is at least five patients, unless:

- (a) The hospital is located more than 30 minutes travel time under normal driving conditions from a hospital with a pediatric unit; or
- (b) The hospital is the sole provider of acute care general hospital services in its jurisdiction.