**Section 1250.1740 Accessibility of Service**

a) Criteria #1: Do appropriate referral agreements exist?

b) Standard #1: Referral agreements should exist with facilities only providing catheterization to surgical centers.

c) Data Factors:

1) Existing referral agreements.

2) Location of facilities.

d) Criteria #2: Residents of an area should not have to travel excessive distances to receive the service.

e) Standard #1: Open heart surgery programs should exist within 90 minutes travel time under normal driving conditions of all residents of an area having a population of 500,000 people.

f) Data Factors:

1) Location of programs.

2) Time-Travel considerations.