

## Grace Cottage Hospital FY 2018 Application for Exemption

Grace Cottage Hospital requests an exemption from public hearing for the FY2018 budget submission. The FY2018 budget submission meets the seven criteria as described below:

1. The budget includes all reporting requirements, including a budget narrative.
  - *The budget submission includes all reporting requirements, as well as a narrative.*
2. Budget assumptions are reasonable.
  - *There are no significant assumptions made in the budget submission. The budget is built on current levels of volume and reimbursements, with a slight increase in Outpatient and Provider Practice volumes based on current trending.*
3. All related budget schedules can be reconciled.
  - *All schedules tie out according to the edits defined in Adaptive Planning.*
4. The hospital has not undergone significant organizational changes or restructuring.
  - *Grace Cottage has not undergone any organizational changes or restructuring in FY2017 nor are any expected in FY2018.*
5. The budget meets the NPR target level as established by the Board.
  - *The NPR target is well within the target level established by the Board, as it is actually a 2.9% budget-to-budget decrease.*
6. The hospital has met its approved NPR target in two of the last three years.
  - *Grace Cottage did not exceed the approved NPR target in any of the last three years.*
7. The hospital was not exempted from public hearing for the two prior consecutive years.
  - *Grace Cottage was not exempted from public hearing in the past two consecutive years.*