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C. STANDARD UNITS OF MEASURE

The purpose of the standard unit of measure is to provide a uniform statistic for measuring costs. The unit of measure for revenue-producing centers has been developed to reflect man effort, where possible, and the volume of services rendered to patients. It is realized that the standard units of measure set forth in this Manual may not be the most accurate but they are the best currently available. As more sophisticated data is developed, revisions will be made to the Manual.

Standard units of measure should not be confused with statistics used to allocate costs. However, in some instances the standard unit of measure may also be used to allocate the costs of a center.

Appropriate forms have been designed to report these standard units of measure.

The above items are defined as follows:

- . a clinic outpatient is one who is admitted to the clinical service of the nursing home for diagnosis or treatment on an ambulatory basis in a formally organized unit of a medical specialty or sub-specialty clinic or service;

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- a day care outpatient is one who is participating in a psychiatric or medical day or night care program and is not included in the daily inpatient census;
- a home health outpatient is one who receives medical services at his residence from representatives of an organized home health program of the nursing home.
- meals on wheels is a program whereby a patient receives dietary services at his residence from representatives of the nursing home.
- a homemaker outpatient is one who receives domestic services at his residence from representatives of the nursing home. Examples of services are housekeeping, maintenance, laundry, etc.

The table on the following pages lists each functional center and related standard units of measure that are mandated levels of reporting. The standard units of measure are required to be reported for all functional reporting centers in which direct costs are reported. The specific definition of these measures and the source for their collection is discussed within each of the functional center description in the next section of this chapter.