

**ADOPTION SECTION**

**HEALTH**

**HEALTH FACILITIES BRANCH**

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND LICENSING DIVISION**

**OFFICE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTHCARE FACILITY LICENSURE**

**Notice of Readoption**

**Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Requirements for**

**Regionalized Perinatal Services and Maternal and Child Health Consortia**

**Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:33C**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., specifically 26:2H-5.

Authorized By: Mary E. O'Dowd, M.P.H., Commissioner, Department of Health (with  
the approval of the Health Care Administration Board).

Effective Date: July 11, 2014.

New Expiration Date: July 11, 2021.

**Take notice** that pursuant to Executive Order No. 66 (1978) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:33C were to expire on August 16, 2014. N.J.A.C. 8:33C establishes the certificate of need and licensing standards that are applicable to maternal and child health consortia (MCHC) and for providers seeking and/or providing perinatal services in order to ensure provision of maternal and child health services in a coordinated and cooperative, prevention-oriented manner which is accessible to those in need of care. The Office of Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure within the Certificate of Need and Licensing Division of the Health Facilities Branch of the Department of Health has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:33C and, with the approval of the

Health Care Administration Board, has determined that the chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted without amendment. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1) and N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.4(h), N.J.A.C. 8:33C is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.

To elicit the positions of interested stakeholders on the existing rules, the Department surveyed the New Jersey hospital associations and maternal/child health consortia last fall. Based on the feedback received from the consortia, the Department will meet with a full panel of stakeholders in the coming months to develop a consensus around amending existing rules. Specifically, the Department will address concerns related to the consortia's responsibilities in the areas of discharge planning, infant follow up, outreach coordination, and regional perinatal transport systems. The certificate of need requirements for intermediate bassinets and changes in maternal and child health consortia membership also will be reviewed.