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Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for New Home Health Agencies

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Christopher R. Rinn, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the July 1, 2016, call for certificate of need (CN) applications for new home health agencies in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:42 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., is hereby cancelled. In accordance with departmental procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the call was originally postponed because the Department was in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there was a need for new home health agencies.

The Department has collected encounter data for calendar years 2013, 2014, and 2015 from licensed home health agencies, and has calculated need projections to 2020 by region, using population projections by four separate age cohorts. Home health services are regional in nature and, as a result, the Department conducted its needs analysis using six regions. Based on its analysis, the Department has determined that there is not a sufficient need for additional new home health agencies at this time.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled call for new home health agencies will be July 1, 2019. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of home health services and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services prior to July 1, 2019.