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JEFFREY A. BROWN
Acting Commissioner

In Re:

CAPITAL HEALTH – EAST TRENTON
(NJ Facility ID# NJ1543)

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT
ORDER

TO: Al Maghaze, Administrator
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Suzanne Borgos, Chief Strategy Officer
Capital Health – East Trenton
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As more fully detailed below, the New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) hereby orders Capital Health – East Trenton (Capital Health) to submit to the Department information that is needed to ensure that Capital Health is satisfying the conditions of its Certificate of Need and meeting the needs of the residents in the St. Francis and Capital Health Regional Medical Center (RMC) service area.

On November 30, 2022, the Department conditionally approved the certificate of need applications, submitted on June 1, 2022, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.1, for the relocation of services from St. Francis Medical Center (St. Francis) to RMC and the closure of St. Francis. The conditions for approval included the following:

1. Capital Health shall operate, for a minimum of five years, an RMC satellite emergency department (SED) either on the grounds of, or in the immediate neighborhood adjacent to, the St. Francis property at 601 Hamilton Avenue.
2. Capital Health shall operate, for a minimum of five years, a primary care family health clinic and a women's OB/GYN clinic, either on the grounds of, or in the immediate neighborhood adjacent to, the St. Francis property at 601 Hamilton Avenue.

On May 22, 2025, Capital Health reported to the Department a disruption of hot water services due to the boiler room that supplies hot water to the SED, outpatient radiology and outpatient clinic being closed but with no impact on patient care. However, on June 4, 2025, Capital Health informed the Department that significant structural issues with the buildings on its East Trenton campus created an emergent situation. Capital Health is licensed as a hospital-based, off-site ambulatory care facility and provides services to patients in need of computerized tomography, satellite emergency, primary care or partial hospitalization services. As a result of the emergency, Capital Health closed the outpatient clinic at 4:30 p.m. on June 4, 2025, and closed the SED as of 7:00 a.m. on June 5, 2025. The Department must ensure continuity of care to these patients.

The Health Care Facilities Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.) (the Act) provides a statutory scheme designed to ensure that all health care facilities are of the highest quality. General hospitals are licensed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 and N.J.A.C. 8:43G. Pursuant to the Act, N.J.A.C. 8:43G (Hospital Licensing Standards) and N.J.A.C. 8:43E (General Licensure Procedures and Standards Applicable to All Licensed Facilities), the Commissioner of the Department of Health is authorized to inspect all health care facilities and to enforce the Manual of Hospital Licensing Standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.1 et seq.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5e, “[a]t the request of the commissioner, health care facilities shall furnish to the Department of Health and Senior Services such reports and information as it may require to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this act, excluding confidential communications from patients.”

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT ORDER

By close of business on July 16, 2025, Capital Health shall provide to the Department the following:

- The facility's plan for meeting the Certificate of Need conditions of keeping a SED, Primary Care, and OB/GYN services in the neighborhood of St Francis for five years.

The information required pursuant to this order shall be emailed to: Stefaniej.Mozgai@doh.nj.gov, Michael.Kennedy@doh.nj.gov, Kimberly.Hansen@doh.nj.gov, Gene.Rosenblum@doh.nj.gov, Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov, and Jean.Markey@doh.nj.gov.

N.J.A.C. 8:43E-3.4(a)11 provides for a \$250 penalty for the failure to report information to the Department as required by statute or licensing regulation, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the violation, which may be assessed for each day noncompliance is found.

N.J.A.C. 8:43E-3.4(a)12 provides for a \$1,000 per day penalty “[for failure to implement a Certificate of Need condition of approval..., which shall be assessed either from the date specified in the Certificate of Need for implementation of the specific condition of approval, if identified, or from the date on which the Certificate of Need was considered to be implemented.” In this case, failure to implement a plan could result in a \$1,000 per day penalty beginning June 5, 2025, the date the facility ceased providing the required services at 601 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance, at Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



Lisa King, Program Manager
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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