

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for Maternal and Child Health Services

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Dr. Raynard E. Washington, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 2, 2026 call for certificate of need (CN) applications for regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health services is hereby canceled.

On January 20, 2026, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2025, c. 320, which amended N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7a by requiring the Department to issue a CN call on or before July 19, 2026, for “the neonatal level of care designation, ‘community perinatal center - intensive,’ as this term is defined in N.J.A.C.8:33-1.3” and “for the addition of intensive bassinets within health care facilities that provide inpatient, maternity services, in a manner that reflects the current needs of the State.”

As the scheduled January 2, 2026 CN call for Maternal and Child Health Services would overlap with the CN call required pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 320 for intensive bassinets and community perinatal center-intensive designations, it would impede the Department’s needs analysis required by the new legislation, as it would provide for competing CN calls over the same time period. To avoid confusion and ensure a proper needs analysis for the CN call required pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 320, the Department is publishing notice that the January 2, 2026 CN call for applications for

regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health services is hereby canceled.