

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Ventilator Care

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), is inviting certificate of need applications on an expedited review basis to establish new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33H-1.6 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. The Department is inviting applications on an expedited review basis because the award of 22 beds throughout the State will have a minimum impact on the health care system as a whole. The call for new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care, originally scheduled for January 3, 2017, was postponed because the Department was in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there was a need for new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care. The next scheduled call for new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care is scheduled for January 2, 2018.

The Department collected data for calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016 from general acute care hospitals and long-term acute care hospitals through a survey that requested data regarding any placement delays that resulted in extended stays after patients were clinically cleared due to the unavailability of specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care. In addition, the Department surveyed providers of specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care asking for facility utilization and capacity data for calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016. Based on its analysis of the data it received, the

Department has determined that there is a limited need for additional new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care in the following regions:

Region	Identified Additional Beds Needed
<u>Region 1 - South Jersey</u> (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties)	0 beds
<u>Region 2 - Central Jersey</u> (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Somerset counties)	10 beds
<u>Region - 3 North Jersey</u> (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren, and Union counties)	12 beds

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.2(d), certificate of need applications shall be reviewed for conformity with the rules in effect on the date the certificate of need application is deemed complete for processing.

Geographic areas to be served: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren, and Union counties.

Date applications are due: April 1, 2018.

Date completeness review decision is anticipated to be issued: July 1, 2018.