

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HEALTH**

**THE COMMISSIONER**

**Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Pediatric Care**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the certificate of need call for applications for additional specialized pediatric long-term care beds in accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for January 3, 2022, is hereby cancelled. The Department determined that additional new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care are not needed at this time.

On January 2, 2018, the Department issued a certificate of need (CN) call for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care (see 50 N.J.R. 260(a)). In response to this CN call, the Department received applications from several applicants. The Department conducted its review of the applications submitted in response to this call. On July 18, 2019, the Department approved the certificate of need for 17 specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care.

As of September 29, 2021, no entity to which the Department approved certificate of need for new additional 17 specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care that were granted certificate of need approval have been licensed. Accordingly, it is necessary to cancel the call for specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care scheduled for January 3, 2022, to allow sufficient time for the implementation of these additional specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care.

The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care and, once all previous applications for new beds and services are implemented and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services. In accordance with

N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled call for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care will be January 2, 2023.