

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HEALTH**

**THE COMMISSIONER**

**Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Severe Behavior Management**

**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 (CN) call for applications for additional specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management 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 has determined there is not a need for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management at this time.

On January 2, 2018, the Department issued a certificate of need call for additional specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management (see 50 N.J.R. 260(b)). In response to this CN call, the Department received applications from several applicants. The Department conducted its review of applications submitted in response to this call and issued certificate of need for 17 new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management. Five beds were issued in Region 1: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties. Twelve were issued in Region 2: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

On October 16, 2020, the Department collected data from providers of specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management asking for facility utilization data and capacity data for calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019. 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 severe behavior management. Nevertheless, this identified need will be adequately satisfied through the implementation of the recently issued certificate of need for new additional 17 specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management from CN Call on January 2, 2018.

As of September 29, 2021, only six of the 17 new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management were licensed and implemented. Accordingly, it is necessary to cancel the call for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management, scheduled for January 3, 2022, to allow sufficient time for the implementation of these additional specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management.

The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management, once the approved applications for new beds and services are implemented, and, should the need arise, the Department will 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 severe behavior management will be January 2, 2023.