

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE COMMISSIONER

Notice 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., 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 severe behavior management 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 11 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 severe behavior management, 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 severe behavior management. The next scheduled call for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management is scheduled for January 2, 2018.

The Department collected data from providers of specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management 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 severe behavior management in the following regions:

Region	Identified Additional Beds Needed
<u>Region 1 - South Jersey</u> (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem counties)	5 beds
<u>Region 2 - North Jersey</u> (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties)	6 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: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, 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.