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THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for Children's Hospitals

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. (P.L. 1971, c. 136, as amended), and pursuant to P.L. 1998, c. 43 (codified as N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c) and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Dr. Raynard E. Washington, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the certificate of need (CN) call for applications for children's hospitals scheduled for April 1, 2025 is hereby canceled.

In accordance with Department procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), on February 18, 2025, the Department published notice in the New Jersey Register at 57 N.J.R. 424(b) that it was postponing the CN call. At that time, the Department was in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine the need for additional children’s hospitals.

At this time, the Department is canceling the CN call for children’s hospitals following an overall review of Statewide general pediatric beds and services and a determination that there is no need. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2, the next scheduled deadline for the submission of CN applications for children's hospitals will be April 1, 2028.

The Department will also continue to review and monitor the full spectrum of pediatric services in New Jersey and, if in the interim, should the need arise for additional children's hospitals, issue a call prior to April 1, 2028.