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THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Rescheduling of Certificate of Need Call for Applications for New Comprehensive Rehabilitation Beds

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. and the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), Dr. Raynard Washington, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is inviting, on a limited scope, certificate of need (CN) applications on a full review basis to establish new comprehensive rehabilitation beds following the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33 and 8:43H and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.

The most recent CN call for receipt of applications on a full review basis for comprehensive rehabilitation beds was scheduled to take place on March 1, 2025. On March 17, 2025, the Department published a notice of postponement of the 2025 CN call at 57 N.J.R. 619(b). This notice serves to resume the Department's previously postponed call.

Since that time, the Department published new rules at N.J.A.C. 8:43H, Rehabilitation Licensing Hospital Standards, and the Department collected data from facilities maintaining comprehensive rehabilitation beds to determine facility utilization and capacity data for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Both rehabilitation hospitals licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43H and general acute care hospitals licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G that provide comprehensive rehabilitation services were considered in this data and are included in this CN call. The Department utilized its historical planning target of an 85 percent occupancy rate to identify counties with a projected need for

additional beds. The Department determined that the following counties maintained an 85 percent occupancy rate of licensed comprehensive rehabilitation beds for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025: Burlington, Cumberland, Essex, and Ocean.

Accordingly, only qualifying facilities located in the counties identified above or in counties contiguous to those counties are eligible to apply through this CN call. Prospective applicants may obtain a CN application (CN-3) for full review on the Department's website at www.nj.gov/health/forms and shall submit the completed application using electronic media to cnl-surveys@doh.nj.gov using the subject line "Comprehensive Rehabilitation Beds CN Call" with three written copies to:

New Jersey Department of Health
Comprehensive Rehabilitation Beds CN Call
PO Box 358
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The CN applications will be reviewed for compliance with all statutory and regulatory provisions and the review criteria set forth in this notice.

The Department will evaluate each application based upon its demonstrated need for additional capacity, impact upon regional access to care, financial feasibility, and consistency with the purposes of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act.

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

Date application is due: February 15, 2027.

Date completeness review decision is anticipated: June 15, 2027.

Date of State Health Planning Board scheduled to review applications and submit recommendations to the Commissioner: September 15, 2027.