

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HEALTH

#### THE COMMISSIONER

#### Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for Pediatric Intensive Care Beds

**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 at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c) 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 an additional pediatric intensive care beds in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for September 1, 2020, is hereby postponed.

On October 2, 2017, the Department issued a certificate of need call for additional pediatric intensive care beds at 49 N.J.R. 3367(c). In response to this call, the Department approved applications for additional 22 pediatric intensive care beds in 2018.

On August 2, 2019, the Department issued a survey to determine the need for additional pediatric intensive care beds. While the survey found a need for additional pediatric intensive care beds, the 12 unimplemented pediatric intensive care beds from the 2017 certificate of need call satisfy a majority of the 2018 survey need. The

Department will, therefore, postpone the September 1, 2020, certificate of need call for additional pediatric intensive care beds due to the unrealized impact of the 2018 certificate of need approved, but unimplemented, 12 pediatric intensive care beds of the total 22 pediatric intensive beds approved in 2018.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled call for new pediatric intensive care beds will be September 1, 2021. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of pediatric intensive care beds and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services prior to September 1, 2021.