

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for New Inpatient Rehabilitation Beds and Services

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the March 1, 2025, call for certificate of need (CN) applications for new inpatient rehabilitation beds and services is postponed.

The Department is currently in the process of promulgating new rules at N.J.A.C. 8:43H for rehabilitation hospital licensing standards. A notice of proposal was published on July 1, 2024, at 56 N.J.R. 1144(a). The public comment period closed on August 30, 2024, and the Department is in the process of publishing a notice of adoption for rehabilitation hospital licensing standards. The Department has determined that, in this instance, a CN call without updated rules in effect would be inadvisable.

In accordance with Department procedures, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of new inpatient rehabilitation beds and services. If the Department proceeds with the CN call, then a call for new inpatient rehabilitation beds and services will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register, which will provide the necessary time for both potential applicants and interested parties to respond to the future CN call notice. In the alternative, if the determination is made to cancel the CN call, then the Department will publish a cancelation notice in a future issue of the New Jersey Register.