

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Ventilator Care

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), Dr. Raynard E. Washington, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 2, 2026, certificate of need (CN) call for applications for new specialized long-term beds for ventilator care is hereby postponed.

According to Department procedures specified at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department is currently unable to provide adequate advance notice to potential certificate of need applicants and interested parties. The Department is evaluating data concerning placement delays for clinically cleared patients who experienced lengthened stays in general acute care hospitals and long-term acute care hospitals due to unavailable ventilator care beds in specialized long-term care facilities. This analysis will assist the Department in determining whether new specialized long-term care ventilator beds are needed.

As a result, the CN call for new specialized long-term care beds for ventilator care is being postponed, allowing the Department sufficient time to complete its evaluation. Should the Department decide to move forward with a CN call, a notice will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register, ensuring sufficient response

time for all parties. If the decision is made to cancel the CN call, a cancelation notice will also be published in an upcoming issue of the New Jersey Register.