

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

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, Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the certificate of need call for applications for children's hospitals in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for April 1, 2019, is hereby cancelled.

In accordance with Department procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department is cancelling the call for children's hospitals following an overall review of Statewide general pediatric beds and services. Given the fact that nine New Jersey hospitals have achieved children's hospital designation as a result of statutory amendments, a call for new children's hospitals would not be prudent at this time. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2, the next scheduled deadline for the submission of certificate of need applications for children's hospitals will be April 1, 2022.

The Department will also continue to review and monitor the full spectrum of pediatric services in New Jersey and, if in the interim a need for additional children's hospitals is documented, the Commissioner may issue a call prior to April 1, 2022, to assure the presence of sufficient clinical pediatric resources to meet future need.