

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HEALTH**

**THE COMMISSIONER**

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

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 4, 2021, certificate of need call for applications for new specialized long-term beds for pediatric care in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33H-1.5 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., is hereby postponed.

In accordance with Department procedures, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department is unable to provide sufficient advance notice to potential certificate of need applicants and interested parties to either prepare their respective certificate of need applications for specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care or respond to such applications. In addition, the Department is in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there is currently a need for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care. Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care to allow the Department sufficient time to complete its evaluation of need, and to provide potential applicants and affected parties sufficient time to respond appropriately to a certificate of need call notice in the event the Department determines that a call is appropriate. If the Department proceeds with the call, then a call for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care 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 call notice. In the alternative, if the determination is made to cancel the call, then the Department will publish a cancellation notice in a future issue of the New Jersey Register.