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DIVISION OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND LICENSING

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**Notice of Cancellation of Call for Applications for Certificates of Need for
Pediatric and Specialized Long-Term Care Beds and Services**

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., particularly 26:2H-7c, and N.J.A.C. 8:33, the Department of Health (Department) hereby cancels the call for applications, due January 2, 2015, for certificates of need for pediatric and specialized long-term care beds and services, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2.

The Department has reviewed Statewide inventories and utilization of long-term care beds and services for pediatric patients and patients with severe behavior management problems and determined that there are a sufficient number of beds and services for these populations. Therefore, the Department has determined to cancel the call for additional long-term care beds and services for these populations. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of beds and services for these populations and will issue a call for applications for certificates of need therefor in future if need becomes indicated.

In 2003, the Department issued a call for applications for certificates of need for new and expanded specialized long-term care beds and services for ventilator-

dependent patients. 35 N.J.R. 1739(c) (April 21, 2003). The Department concluded its review of applications submitted in response to this call on September 23, 2005, and issued certificates of need for 159 such beds and services. As of October 1, 2014, entities to which the Department issued these 159 certificates of need have obtained licensure for only 59 thereof, that is, 37 percent, indicating that no need for additional beds for this population exists.

Therefore, to allow time for the licensure and implementation of the specialized long-term care beds and services for ventilator-dependent patients for which the Department previously issued certificates of need, the Department has determined to cancel the call for additional beds and services for this population. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of beds for this population and will issue a call for applications for certificates of need therefor in future if need becomes indicated.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2, the next scheduled deadline for the submission of applications for certificates of need for long-term care beds and services for pediatric patients, patients with severe behavior management problems, and ventilator-dependent patients is January 2, 2016.