

**HEALTH**

**THE COMMISSIONER**

**Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for New Home Health**

**Agencies**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the July 1, 2016, call for certificate of need applications for new home health agencies in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:42 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., has been postponed. In accordance with departmental procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department was 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 new home health agencies 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 home health agencies. Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for new home health agencies 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 home health agencies will be published in the New Jersey Register that 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 the New Jersey Register.