

allows for sewer service area (SSA) delineation, municipal build-out, and nitrate dilution analysis to be performed according to the procedures set forth pursuant to the RMP, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(c) and 4.5(c).

The municipal chapter proposes changes to the currently approved SSA. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(c)1, in the Highlands Region, areas eligible for sewer service within the preservation area are only those designated for existing structures or development connected to a wastewater treatment facility as of August 10, 2004, or those areas that are eligible for sewer service pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:38-2.3, 2.4, 2.6, and 3.4. As a result, 50.5 acres are being removed from the SSA to reflect a revocation of a NJPDES permit and to reduce the SSA to the footprint of existing development. The Department conducted an evaluation of the proposed SSA using a GIS shapefile provided by the county to determine whether areas proposed for sewer service are all eligible. The Department has determined that the proposed SSA complies with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.4(c).

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5, wastewater capacity analyses were conducted to determine the existing and future wastewater management needs of each SSA through a wastewater treatment capacity analysis and through a nitrate dilution capacity analysis for the non-SSA. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(b)1, the existing and projected future flows of the two existing discharge to groundwater facilities were identified. No expansion of either SSA is proposed and all development within the respective SSAs is already connected. As such, no potential capacity deficiencies at either facility was identified. The Department has determined that the wastewater treatment capacity analysis complies with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(b).

The nitrate dilution analysis identifies the total septic yield in equivalent dwelling units, as allowed pursuant to the Highlands Act rules, and whether a potential deficit in nitrate dilution capacity exists. In the preservation area, septic densities are determined in accordance with the Highlands Rule at N.J.A.C. 7:38-3.4(b), which requires 25 acres per septic unit in non-forested areas and 88 acres per septic unit in forested areas. Any parcels eligible for exemption from the Highlands Act that could be served by an Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System pose a potential deficit in the nitrate dilution capacity. The analysis identifies the potential for zero additional equivalent dwelling units allowed in the preservation area. There are 13 equivalent dwelling units exempt from the Highlands Act in Glen Gardner, constituting a potential septic capacity deficiency. The proposed strategies for addressing the deficiencies identified by the nitrate dilution analysis include land preservation, a centralized treatment facility to serve problematic areas, and an analysis of buildability of identified exempt parcels. The Department has determined that the nitrate dilution capacity analysis and the proposed strategies to mitigate the potential septic capacity deficiencies comply with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(c).

The proposed septic maintenance program includes an inventory of all known septic systems in Glen Gardner Borough, current septic maintenance practices that promote care and maintenance of septic systems, proposed improvements to the current septic maintenance practices, and refinement of the septic inventory. The Department has determined that the septic maintenance program complies with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.5(c)1vi.

The proposed municipal chapter includes all required maps in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.3(c). These include a WMP Area Map (Map 1), Selected Environmentally Sensitive Features Map (Map 2), Land Use Capability Map (Map 3a), Wastewater Service Area Map (Map 3b), and Zoning Map (Map 4). The Department has determined that the mapping complies with N.J.A.C. 7:15-4.3(c).

This notice is to inform the public that a plan amendment has been proposed for the Upper Raritan and Upper Delaware WQM Plans. All information related to the WQM Plans and the proposed amendment is located at:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration
Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management
Water Quality Management Planning Program
PO Box 420, Mail Code 501-02A

501 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420

The Department's file is available for inspection between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, upon request. An appointment to inspect the file must be arranged by calling the Bureau of NJPDES Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management at (609) 633-7021.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amendment to the Department at the address cited above or can be provided at the email: wqmp.publiccomments@dcp.nj.gov. Comments should reference Program Interest No. 435437, Activity No. AMD200002 and Program Interest No. 435434, Activity No. AMD200004 and must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

Interested persons may request, in writing, that the Department hold a non-adversarial public hearing on the amendment or extend the public comment period specified in this notice. Such requests should reference Program Interest No. 435437, Activity No. AMD200002 and Program Interest No. 435434, Activity No. AMD200004 and must demonstrate sufficient public interest for the public hearing or extension of the comment period, as defined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:1D-5.2(d). The request must be submitted within 30 days of date of this notice to the Department address cited above. Should the Department decide to hold a public hearing, additional notice will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register and the comment period will be extended to 15 days after the public hearing. All comments submitted prior to the close of the comment period shall be considered by the Department before making a final decision on the proposed amendment.

Sewer service is not guaranteed should this amendment be adopted as it represents only one part of the permit process and other issues may need to be addressed. Inclusion in the SSA as a result of the approval of this amendment does not eliminate the need to obtain all necessary permits, approvals, or certifications required by any Federal, State, county, or municipal review agency with jurisdiction over this project/activity.

INSURANCE

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DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE DIVISION OF INSURANCE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER Minimum Net Worth Requirements for Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) Notice of Decrease in Medical Component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Take notice that the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 11:24-1.2, 11.1, and 11.4, hereby provides notice of an average 2.7 percent decrease from December 2022 to December 2023 in the medical component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers in the New York-Newark-Jersey City and the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington regions as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Accordingly, the rules at N.J.A.C. 11:24-11 shall be read as including a decrease of 2.7 percent effective July 1, 2024, as follows:

- \$3,774,357.76 specified at N.J.A.C. 11:24-11.1(a) shall be \$3,672,450.10;
- \$2,516,237.06 specified at N.J.A.C. 11:24-11.1(b) and 11.4(b) shall be \$2,448,298.66; and
- \$754,871.55 specified at N.J.A.C. 11:24-11.4(a) and (b) shall be \$734,490.02.

Existing HMOs shall make the required adjustments to their minimum net worth no later than July 1, 2024. The required deposit shall be made no later than July 1, 2024 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:24-11.4(c) to include the specific CPI adjustment.