

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Need Call for Pediatric Intensive Care Beds

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 at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c), and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Dr. Raynard E. Washington, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the Certificate of Need (CN) call for applications for additional pediatric intensive care (PICU) beds, scheduled for September 2, 2025 (2025 CN call), is hereby canceled.

In 2025, the Department conducted a survey in preparation for the 2025 CN call. The survey requested data for the years 2021 through and including 2024. The results revealed a Statewide average occupancy rate of licensed PICU beds of 48 percent to 55 percent, with a 2024 occupancy rate of less than 47 percent. Given these low occupancy rates, it is evident that there is not a Statewide need for additional PICU beds.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled CN call for new PICU beds will be September 2, 2027. The Department will continue to monitor the utilization and availability of PICU beds and, should the need arise, issue a future call for these services prior to September 2, 2027.