

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **HEALTH**

#### **THE COMMISSIONER**

#### **Notice of Cancelation of Certificate of Need Call for Designation as a Trauma Center**

**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 as N.J.S.A. 26:2H-7c), and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the certificate of need call for applications for the designation as a trauma center in accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for June 1, 2025, is hereby canceled.

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 designation as a trauma center or respond to such applications. In determining to cancel the call, the Department notes that N.J.S.A. 26:2KK-4(d) (P.L. 2013 c. 223), among other tasks, established a State Trauma System Advisory Committee (STSAC) charged with the development of a formal Statewide trauma plan that defines the roles of all health care facilities in the State. The Department will continue to work with the STSAC in its evaluation of the current trauma system, collection of data, and preparation of a trauma report. It is premature to conduct a call for applications while the planning of a formal Statewide trauma system is underway.

As such, the Department has determined to cancel the June 1, 2025, CN Call for applications at this time. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a)2, the deadline for the next scheduled CN Call for applications for the designation as a trauma center is June 1, 2028.