

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for Children's Hospitals

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 children's hospitals, in accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for April 1, 2025, is hereby postponed.

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 children's hospitals or respond to such applications. The Department is in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there is currently a need for children's hospitals. Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for children's hospitals 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 children's hospitals will be published in a future edition of the New Jersey Register, providing the necessary time for both potential applicants and interested parties to respond to the call notice. In

the alternative, if the determination is made to cancel the call, then the Department will publish a cancelation notice in the New Jersey Register.