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Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Pediatric Care

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Kaitlan Baston, MD MSc, DFASAM, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 2, 2025 call for certificate of need (CN) applications for new specialized long-term beds for pediatric care is postponed.

On a periodic basis, that is, at least once every five years, the Department surveys acute care hospitals, special hospitals, and other healthcare facilities to identify children who are medically ready for discharge and who require transfer to a pediatric long-term care facility. In addition, the number of children known to have been placed in long-term care facilities outside of New Jersey are counted. The Department is currently in the process of collecting and analyzing this information. As such, the Department is unable to provide sufficient advance notice to potential CN applicants and interested parties to either prepare their respective CN applications for specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care or respond to such applications.

Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for new specialized long-term care beds for pediatric care to allow the Department sufficient time to complete its evaluation of need and to provide potential applicants and affected parties enough time to respond appropriately to a CN call notice in the event the Department determines that a call is appropriate. If the Department proceeds with the call, a call for new specialized long-

term care beds for pediatric care will be published in a future issue of the New Jersey Register, which will provide the necessary time for potential applicants and interested parties to respond to the future call notice. In the alternative, if the determination is made to cancel the call, the Department will publish a cancellation notice in a future issue of the New Jersey Register.