

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **HEALTH**

#### **THE COMMISSIONER**

#### **Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for Psychiatric Beds and Services**

**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 (CN) call for applications, for new and expanded open and closed unit psychiatric beds and services, scheduled for February 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 new and expanded open and closed unit psychiatric beds and services 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 new and expanded open and closed unit psychiatric beds and services.

Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for new and expanded open and closed unit psychiatric beds and services 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.