

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, Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the certificate of need call for applications for additional pediatric intensive care (PICU) beds, in accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for September 1, 2024 (2024 CN Call), is hereby canceled.

By way of history, on October 2, 2017, the Department issued a certificate of need call (2017 CN Call) for additional PICU beds at 49 N.J.R. 3367(c). In response to the 2017 CN Call, in 2018, the Department approved the applications of four facilities for a total of 22 PICU beds.

In early 2024, in anticipation of the upcoming 2024 CN Call, the Department issued a survey, the results of which indicate only six of the 22 approved PICU beds from the 2017 CN Call have been implemented. As such, no additional PICU beds are needed because the number of unimplemented beds from the 2017 CN Call either mostly or fully satisfied the need. At this time, due to the number of unimplemented beds from the 2017 CN Call, the Department has determined to cancel the 2024 CN Call.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled CN Call for new PICU beds will be September 1, 2025. 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 1, 2025.