

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, 2023 (2023 CN Call), is hereby canceled.

By way of background, 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 this call, in 2018, the Department approved the applications of four facilities for a total of 22 PICU beds.

The Department issued surveys in 2019 and 2022 and determined that no additional PICU beds were needed as the number of unimplemented beds from the 2017 CN Call either mostly or fully satisfied the need. Notice of the postponement of the 2023 CN Call was published at 55 N.J.R. 1967(a) and, at this time, due to the number of unimplemented beds from the 2017 CN Call, the Department has determined to cancel the 2023 CN Call.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the next scheduled call for new PICU beds will be September 1, 2024. 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, 2024.