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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, Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., 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, in accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 8:33 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., scheduled for February 1, 2023, is hereby postponed.

On February 21, 2017, the Department issued a Certificate of Need call for adult acute care psychiatric beds. See 49 N.J.R. 343(c). Facilities that were awarded psychiatric beds as a result of the 2017 bed call, were provided with a deadline of June 2023 to implement the awarded beds. Due to the fact that these previously awarded, but unimplemented beds could have an impact on a needs assessment, it is necessary to delay the February 1, 2023 CN for psychiatric beds and services at this time.

The Department, in consultation with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services, will continue to monitor the need for new and expanded open and closed unit psychiatric beds and services and will issue a call for applications for certificates of need for beds and services in the future if the need becomes indicated. If the Department proceeds with the call, then a call for psychiatric beds and

services will be published in an future issue 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 cancellation notice in the New Jersey Register.