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DCH Board of Community Health Makes Decisions on CON Rule Changes

ATLANTA – Today, the Georgia Board of Community Health took action on the following Certificate of Need (CON) rules:

- **111-2-2-.11 Service-Specific Review Considerations Generally**
Summary – This amendment modifies the provisions pertaining to the replacement of nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities at an alternate location. For example, now nursing homes can build a replacement facility within the same county.
Final Vote – Unanimously approved with no objections.
- **111-2-2-.40 Specific Review Considerations for Ambulatory Surgery Services**
Summary – This amendment redefines general surgery as a single specialty and updates the definition of multi-specialty ambulatory surgery service.
Final Vote – Unanimously approved with no objections.
This policy change is supported by the recommendations made by the CON Commission, which was created by the Georgia General Assembly.

In addition, the board voted and approved a resolution that requests the General Assembly create legislation requiring all exempted owners and operators of ambulatory surgery centers that provide charitable care to document and report their utilization data to the state.

All rules passed today will be effective in January 2008.

The following three rules were tabled for further examination to fully incorporate public input.

- **111-2-2-.24 Specific Review Considerations for Perinatal Services**
Summary – This amendment modifies and establishes guidelines for specific review considerations for Level 1 Basic Perinatal Services.
- **111-2-2-.41 Specific Review Considerations for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Units**
Summary – This amendment modifies the standards for CON applications for new PET services or expansion of existing services.

- **111-2-2-.42 Specific Review Considerations for Radiation Therapy Services Summary** – This amendment modifies the standards for CON applications for new radiation therapy services or expansion of existing services.

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