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# Tracking And Appeals Report

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## Letters of Intent

### **LOI2019075 Grady Ponce De Leon Center**

Renovation of Ponce De Leon Infectious Disease Center

**Received: 12/19/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** 341 Ponce De Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$38,000,000

### **LOI2019076 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** 464 North Belair Road, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

### **LOI2019077 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** 743 North Belair Road, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

### **LOI2019078 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** Pooler Pkwy and Blue Moon Xing Intersection, Pooler, GA 31322 (Chatham County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

### **LOI2019079 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** Ford Ave and Forest Street Intersection, Richmond Hill, GA 31324 (Bryan County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

### **LOI2019080 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** Near Port Royal Rd and Rabbit Hill Rd, Richmond Hill, GA 31324 (Bryan County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

### **LOI2019081 Coliseum Medical Centers**

Construction and Development of New Freestanding Emergency Department

**Received: 12/20/2019 Application must be submitted on: 1/21/2020**

**Site:** Intersection of Highway 96 and Butten Dr, Bonaire, GA 31005 (Houston County)

**Estimated Cost:** \$12,500,000

## Expired Letters of Intent

none

## Withdrawn CON Applications

### **2019-029 Flint River Hospital**

**OPPOSITION FILED**

Conversion of 18-Short Stay Beds to Adult Psych/Sub Beds - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 8/23/2019 Deemed Complete: 8/23/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 10/21/2019**

**Decision Deadline: 12/20/2019**

**Withdrawn: 12/20/2019**

**Site:** 509 Sumter Street, Montezuma, GA 31603 (Macon County)

**Contact:** Michael C Patterson 478-472-3100  
**Estimated Cost:** \$615,070

## New CON Applications

### 2020-001 Northside Hospital Forsyth

Additional 43 Medical Surgical Short Stay Care Beds at Northside Hospital Forsyth

**Filed:** 1/6/2020

**Site:** 1200 Northside Forsyth Drive, Cumming, GA 30041 (Forsyth County)

**Contact:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Estimated Cost:** \$43,285,682

## Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

none

## Pending Review/Complete Applications

### 2019-032 Landmark Hospital of Savannah

Landmark Hospital of Savannah 15-Bed Expansion

**Filed:** 9/16/2019 **Deemed Complete:** 10/24/2019

**60th Day Deadline:** 12/22/2019

**Decision Deadline:** 2/20/2020

**Site:** 800 E 66th Street, Savannah, GA 31405 (Chatham County)

**Contact:** William Kapp, MD Chairman 912-298-1000

**Estimated Cost:** \$20,000

### 2019-033 American Health Imaging of Hiram

**OPPOSITION FILED**

Additional CT Unit to Existing DTRC in Hiram

**Filed:** 9/18/2019 **Deemed Complete:** 10/18/2019

**60th Day Deadline:** 12/16/2019

**Decision Deadline:** 2/14/2020

**Site:** 4374 Atlanta Highway Suite 125, Hiram, GA 30141 (Paulding County)

**Contact:** Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

**Estimated Cost:** \$412,500

### 2019-034 American Health Imaging of GA, LLC dba American Health Imaging of Marietta

Add Second MRI Unit to Existing DTRC in Marietta

**Filed:** 9/18/2019 **Deemed Complete:** 10/18/2019

**OPPOSITION FILED**

**60th Day Deadline:** 12/16/2019

**Decision Deadline:** 2/14/2020

**Site:** 796 Church Street Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30060 (Cobb County)

**Contact:** Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

**Estimated Cost:** \$1,225,000

### 2019-035 American Health Imaging of Brunswick

Add CT Unit to Existing DTRC in Brunswick.

**Filed:** 9/26/2019 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/10/2019 **Deemed Complete:** 10/15/2019

**60th Day Deadline:** 12/13/2019

**Decision Deadline:** 2/11/2020

**OPPOSITION FILED**

**Site:** 1103 Fountain Lake Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525 (Glynn County)

**Contact:** Stephen R. Janis Chief Development Officer 404-296-5887

**Estimated Cost:** \$412,500

### 2019-036 Emory University Hospital

Hospital Renovation to Relocate and Expand Heart and Vascular Department

**Filed:** 9/30/2019 **Deemed Complete:** 10/11/2019

**60th Day Deadline: 12/9/2019**

**Decision Deadline: 2/7/2020**

**Site:** 1364 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322 (DeKalb County)

**Contact:** Catherine A.Maloney, FACHE VP of Operations 404-712-5529

**Estimated Cost:** \$14,048,175

**2019-037 Vision Imaging Center**

Development of a Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center or DTRC

**Filed: 10/16/2019 Deemed Complete: 10/29/2019**

**OPPOSITION FILED**

**60th Day Deadline: 12/27/2019**

**Decision Deadline: 2/25/2020**

**Site:** 2484 East Pinetree Blvd, Thomasville, GA 31792 (Thomas County)

**Contact:** Brandi W Warren 229-226-8800

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,861,894

**2019-038 Northside Hospital Cherokee**

Short-Stay Hospital Expansion

**Filed: 10/25/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/7/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/5/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/5/2020**

**Site:** 450 Northside Cherokee Boulevard, Canton, GA 30115 (Cherokee County)

**Contact:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Estimated Cost:** \$96,411,771

**2019-039 Correct Life Bostick, LLC dba Bostick Nursing Center**

Construction of 150-Bed Annex - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 3384 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30326 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Carlo Musso, M.D CEO 770-692-4747

**Estimated Cost:** \$17,484,947

**2019-040 Quality One Home Health Agency LLC**

New Home Health Services Pursuant to the Exceptions to the Need Methodology - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 534 Spring Chase Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (DeKalb County)

**Contact:** Deeqa Abdi CEO 678-799-4424

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,000

**2019-041 Renal Care Options Home Health Services, LLC**

Establish Home Health Agency for the Special Population of End-Stage Renal Disease - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 109 Parker Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240 (Troup County)

**Contact:** Joseph Cashia CEO 615-969-6033

**Estimated Cost:** \$142,524

**2019-042 Hospital Authority of Miller County dba Miller County Hospital and Miller Nursing Home**

New Home Health Services in SDR 10 - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 209 N Cuthbert Street, Colquitt, GA 39837 (Miller County)

**Contact:** Robin Rau CEO 299-758-5954

**Estimated Cost:** \$140,752

**2019-043 Mesun Health Services, Inc**

New Service Home Health Agency Under the Exception for Special Population - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 88 Johnson Rd, Lawrenceville, Ga 30045 (Gwinnett County)

**Contact:** Hanson Kim CEO 256-473-0964

**Estimated Cost:** \$98,222

**2019-044 Northside Hospital, Inc Northside Hospital Forsyth**

Additional 16 OB beds Pursuant to Need Projected - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 1000 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** William J. Brathwaite, Jr Planning Analyst 404-845-5140

**Estimated Cost:** \$100,000

**2019-045 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC**

New Service to Include 4 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 960 Joe Franks Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA 30120 (Bartow County)

**Contact:** Lori Rakes COO 770-387-8181

**Estimated Cost:** \$974,905

**2019-046 East Atlanta Eye Surgery Center, LLC**

Convert to Single-Specialty ASC - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 550 Professional Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (Gwinnett County)

**Contact:** Scott Bullock 404-531-9988

**Estimated Cost:** \$40,000

**2019-047 Houston ASC, LLC**

Development of a Multi-Specialty Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Facility - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 1601 Watson Boulevard, Warner Robins, GA 31093 (Houston County)

**Contact:** Sean Whilden VP and CFO 478-542-7959

**Estimated Cost:** \$13,019,200

**2019-048 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.**

Additional 6 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 11/26/2019 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2020**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Site:** 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

**Contact:** Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Estimated Cost:** \$19,778,651

## Recently Approved Applications

**2019-028 Dodge County Hospital Authority**

10-Bed Expansion of Geriatric Psych Unit - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 8/23/2019 Deemed Complete: 8/23/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 10/21/2019**  
**Decision Deadline: 12/20/2019**  
**APPROVED: 12/20/2019**  
**Site:** 901 Griffin Ave, Eastman, GA 31023 (Dodge County)  
**Contact:** Jan Hamrick CFO 478-448-4050  
**Estimated Cost:** \$1,900,420

**2019-030 Colquitt Regional Medical Center**

10-Bed Adult Acute Inpatient Psych/Sub Unit for Geriatric Patients - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 8/23/2019 Deemed Complete: 8/23/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 10/21/2019**

**Decision Deadline: 12/20/2019**

**APPROVED: 12/20/2019**

**Site:** 3131 South Main Street, Moultrie, GA 31786 (Colquitt County)

**Contact:** Greg K. Johnson, FACHE VP/Operations 229-890-3547

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,517,489

**2019-031 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc- South Hall Campus**

One Additional Hospital-Based Non-Special Megavoltage Radiation Therapy Unit - [Batching](#)

**Filed: 8/23/2019 Deemed Complete: 8/23/2019**

**60th Day Deadline: 10/21/2019**

**Decision Deadline: 12/20/2019**

**APPROVED: 12/20/2019**

**Site:** 742 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

**Contact:** Linda Berger, Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Estimated Cost:** \$8,746,282

## Recently Denied Applications

none

## Appealed Determinations

**DET2016-208 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital (“EUH”) and ES Rehabilitation, LLC d/b/a Emory Rehabilitation Hospital (“ES Rehab”)** (collectively, “Requestors”) Request for Letter of Determination regarding the reviewability of a proposed relocation, decoupling and transfer of EUH’s sixteen (16) comprehensive inpatient physical rehabilitation (“CIPR”) beds.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 2/24/2016.

**Appealed:** Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 03/16/2017.

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 6/15/2017.

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer grants Motion of Summary Adjudication to Requestors, 8/28/2017. Department requests Commissioner Review, 9/22/2017.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Commissioner reverses decision of Hearing Officer and grants summary adjudication to Department, 11/16/17. Emory files petition for Judicial Review, 12/18/17.

**Superior Court Decision:** Court grants the Petition for Judicial Review and Reverses the Department’s Final Order, 7/26/2018. Department filed Application for Discretionary Appeal with Court of Appeals, 8/24/2018.

**Court of Appeals:** Court of Appeals reversed the order of the superior court granting Emory’s petition for judicial review, 6/28/2019. Emory files Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 7/18/2019.

**DET2019-097 St. Francis Health, LLC** Request for Letter of Determination received on 5/14/2019, regarding the proposed relocation of sixteen (16) Adult Psychiatric Beds from the Bradley Center to its Main Campus.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 8/9/2019.

**Appealed:** Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 09/4/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esq.

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer denied Requestor’s appeal, 12/14/2019.

**DET2019-050 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Windy Hill (“WellStar Windy Hill”)** Request for Letter of Determination received on 3/15/2019, regarding a determination that existing beds would revert back to short-stay beds upon relinquishment of its Medicare certification as a long-term care hospital.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 8/21/2019.

**Appealed:** WellStar Windy Hill filed request for Administrative Appeal on 09/19/2019. Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Smyrna and Saint Joseph’s Hospital of Atlanta, Inc. d/b/a Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital (collectively “Emory”) filed notice of intent to participate in and intervene in WellStar Windy Hill’s administrative hearing, 9/19/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

## Appealed LNRs

### **LNR-ASC2017022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC**

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center (“ASC”) in Macon, Bibb County.

**Agency Decision:** Request was denied 3/6/2018.

**Appealed:** Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC (“GACRI”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal on 3/29/18.

**Hearing Officer:** William C. Joy, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 10/29/2018 and 10/30/2018.

### **LNR-ASC2018022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants & Research Institute, LLC**

Single Specialty Cardiology Electrophysiology ASC

**Agency Decision:** Request was denied 11/14/2019.

**Appealed:** Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC (“GACRI”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal on 12/6/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Pending

**Hearing Date:** Pending

### **LNR-ASC2019009 Northside Hospital, Inc and Phys Owners of Gwinnett Surgery Center, LLC**

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the establishment of a joint venture ambulatory surgery center (“JV ASC”) in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

**Agency Decision:** Request was denied 10/7/19.

**Appealed:** Northside Hospital, Inc. (“Northside”) and Northside Gwinnett Surgical Associates, LLC (“NGSA”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal on 10/29/19.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynne Hogue, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

## Appealed CON Projects

**2014-019 University Hospital (Columbia)**

**2014-029 GRHealth Columbia County (Columbia)**

**2014-030 Doctors Hospital of Augusta (Columbia)**

**Supreme Court:** Petition for Writ of Certiorari granted, judgment of the Court of Appeals vacated, and case remanded for reconsideration, 12/23/19.

2014-019 Establish a New 100-Bed Short-Stay Acute Care Hospital

2014-029 Establish New 100-Bed Community Teaching Hospital

2014-030 Construction of New Short-Stay General Acute Care Hospital

**Agency Decision:** 2014-019 Denied, 11/26/14; 2014-029 Approved, 11/26/14; 2014-030 Denied, 11/26/14

**Appealed:** University McDuffie appeals 2014-029 approval, 12/22/2014; University Augusta appeals its own denial and appeals 2014-029 approval, 12/22/14. Doctors Hospital appeals approval of 2014-029, 12/23/2014.

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 6/18/2015 – 6/30/2015, 9AM

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed DCH decision, 9/24/2015. Doctors Hospital requests Commissioner’s review, 10/23/2015.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirmed Hearing Officer’s decision, 11/23/15. Doctors Hospital of Augusta filed

Petition for Judicial Review, 12/23/2015.

**Superior Court Decision:** Superior Court granted Department's Motion to Dismiss Petition for Judicial Review, 4/13/2016.

**Court of Appeals:** Application for Discretionary Review filed on 5/13/2016. Application for Discretionary Review granted on 6/8/2016. Court of Appeals reverses ruling of Superior Court, 2/14/2018. Court of Appeals affirms the Superior Court's decision upholding the Department's decision, 4/30/2019. Doctors Hospital files Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, requesting the Supreme Court review the April 30, 2019 court of Appeals decision, 5/10/2019.

**2016-019 Emory University Hospital Smyrna (Cobb)**

Renovation & Upgrade to Current Hospital Facilities

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 8/4/2016

**Appealed By:** Cobb Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Cobb Hospital ("WellStar Cobb"), 9/2/2016 and Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Kennestone Hospital ("WellStar Kennestone").

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 3/27/2017

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to award a CON to EUH-Smyrna, 7/5/17. WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone filed for Commissioner Review, 8/2/2017.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirmed Hearing Officer's decision to award CON to EUH-Smyrna, 8/30/17. WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone filed Petition for Judicial Review; 9/29/17.

**Superior Court Decision:** Superior Court denies WellStar's Petition for Judicial Review, 2/13/2018.

**Court of Appeals:** WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone filed an Application for Discretionary Appeal, 3/16/2018. Affirms the Superior Court's judgment denying WellStar's petition for judicial review, 3/13/2019. WellStar Cobb and WellStar Kennestone (collectively "WellStar") filed Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, 3/25/2019. WellStar Cobb Hospital and WellStar Kennestone Hospital's Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the Georgia Supreme Court, 4/2/2019.

**Supreme Court:** Petition for Writ of Certiorari granted, judgment reversed in part, and case remanded with direction, 12/23/19.

**2017-063 Redmond Regional Medical Center (Floyd)**

Develop Basic Level 1 Perinatal Service - Batching

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 3/26/2018

**Appealed By:** Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc d/b/a Floyd Medical Center ("FMC"), 4/24/2018

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 12/3/2018

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed Department's decision to award a CON to Redmond Regional Medical Center, 2/26/19. FMC filed for Commissioner Review, 3/28/2019.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Commissioner affirmed Hearing Officer's 2/26/2019 decision to award a CON to Redmond, 4/26/2019. FMC filed petition for judicial review, 5/28/2019.

**Superior Court Decision:** Affirms the final decision to award a CON to Redmond, 9/26/2019.

**Court of Appeals:** FMC filed Application for Discretionary Appeal 10/28/19. Court of Appeals denied FMC's Application for Discretionary Appeal 11/21/19. FMC filed Notice of Intention to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 12/2/19.

**2018-008 Floyd Healthcare Management Inc dba Floyd Medical Center (Floyd)**

**2018-009 Tanner Medical Center Carrollton (Carroll)**

**2018-010 Hamilton Medical Center (Whitfield)**

Development of Adult Open Heart Surgery Service - Batching

**Agency Decision:** 2018-008 Denied, 6/25/2018; 2018-009 Denied, 6/25/2018; 2018-010 Denied, 6/25/2018

**Appealed By:** 2018-008 Applicant Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc. d/b/a Floyd Medical Center, 7/24/2018. Redmond Park Hospital, LLC d/b/a Redmond Regional Medical Center files request to intervene in Floyd's administrative appeal, 7/26/2018. 2018-009 Applicant Tanner Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Tanner Medical Center-Carrollton, "TMC", 7/23/2018. WellStar Kennestone Hospital ("Kennestone") files request to Intervene, 7/20/2018. 2018-010; Applicant Hamilton Medical Center, 7/24/2018.

**Hearing Officer:** 2018-008, 2018-009 and 2018-010 – William C. Joy, Esq. Hearing Officer denied Redmond's request to intervene, 9/27/2018. Commissioner denies Redmond's appeal of Hearing Officer's denial to intervene due to limited review authority, 10/10/2018.

**Hearing Date:** 12/10,11,14/2018; 1/7-11/2019; 2/4-8/2019, 2/11-15/2019; 2/26/2019



**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirms Department's decision denying CON Applications for 2018-008 (Floyd Medical Center), 2018-009 (Tanner Medical Center), 2018-010 (Hamilton Medical Center), 8/16/2019. Floyd requests Commissioner review 9/13/2019. Hamilton requests Commissioner review 9/16/2019. Tanner requests Commissioner review 9/16/2019. Redmond files renewed appeal to Commissioner on the denial of its request to Intervene, 9/16/2019

**Commissioner Review Decision:** On 10/15/19, Commissioner affirmed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Floyd; reversed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Tanner; reversed Hearing Officer's 8/16/19 decision to deny a CON to Hamilton; denied Redmond Regional Medical Center's Renewed Appeal to Commissioner Berry on the Denial of Its Request to Intervene. Redmond Regional Medical Center filed petitions for judicial review of the Final Order of the Commissioner in project numbers 2018-008, 2018-009, and 2018-010, 11/14/19. Floyd Medical Center filed Petition for Judicial Review of DCH's Final Order denying a CON to Floyd Medical Center for project no. 2018-008, 11/14/19.

**2018-058 Northside Hospital Atlanta (Fulton)**

Establish Hospital-Based Outpatient Surgery Service

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 1/11/2019

**Appealed By:** WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Atlanta Medical Center ("WAMC"), 2/8/2019 and Piedmont Hospital Inc. ("Piedmont"), 2/8/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** William Joy, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 8/12-16/2019, 9 AM/5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision dated January 11, 2019, granting Northside's CON application for a hospital-based outpatient surgery service, 11/1/19.

**2018-072 Braselton ASC, LLC (Hall)**

**2018-073 Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC") (Hall)**

2018-072 Establish Multi-Specialty Freestanding ASC with Four ORs and Two Procedure Rooms

2018073 Establish Multi-Specialty Freestanding ASC with Three ORs and One Procedure Room

**Agency Decision:** GA2018072 - Approved, 3/25/2019 GA2018073 - Denied, 3/25/2019.

**Appealed by:** Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC"), 4/24/2019;

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc.d/b/a Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center ("Piedmont Athens"), 4/24/2019; Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Cherokee ("NHC"), 4/24/2019; Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Alpharetta Surgery Center ("NASC"), 4/24/2019. Piedmont Athens withdrew its Appeal of GA2018-072 on 11/7/19.

**Request to Intervene in 2018-072:** Braselton ASC, LLC ("Braselton ASC"), 4/24/2019.

**2018-073 denial:** Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC ("BSSC") appeals the denial of their application, 2018073, 4/24/2019;

**Requests to Intervene in 2018-073:** Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center -Main Campus ("NGMC-Main Campus"), 4/24/2019; Braselton ASC, LLC ("Braselton ASC"), 4/24/2019; Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall Campus ("NGMC-South Hall Campus"), 4/24/2019; NGMC Barrow, LLC d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Barrow ("NGMC-Barrow"), 4/24/2019; Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center ("Piedmont Athens"), 4/24/2019. Piedmont Athens withdrew Request to Intervene 11/7/19.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 12/11/2019, 9:30 A.M. /41<sup>st</sup> Floor; additional dates to be announced.

**2018-074 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center (Chatham)**

Add (expand) 8 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds to its Existing Services

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 3/25/2019

**Appealed By:** Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center ("Memorial"), 4/23/2019

Candler Hospital, Inc. ("Candler") files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 4/24/2019 and withdraws its request to intervene on 8/30/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 9/23/2019, 5th Floor, 9:30AM

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to deny a CON to Memorial, 1/7/2020

**2018-077 Kennestone Hospital, Inc (Cobb)**

Create a Hybrid Operating Room

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 4/18//2019

**Appealed By:** Tanner Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Tanner Medical Center Carrollton ("TMC"), 5/16/2019. TMC filed a Notice of Withdrawal on 11/14/19.

**Hearing Officer:** William Joy, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 2/24/2020 – 02/26/2020 9AM, 5th Floor

**2019-012 Northside Hospital Cancer Institute Radiation Oncology - Lawrenceville (Gwinnett)**

Megavoltage Radiation Therapy-Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 6/18/2019

**Appealed By:** Northside Hospital, Inc., 7/17/2019, Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Main Campus files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Oncology Center-Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Therapy Center—Snellville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; Vantage Cancer Centers of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Center at Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq

**Hearing Date:** 4/6/2020-4/9/2020 9 A.M., 5th Floor, additional hearing dates 4/15/2020 and 4/16/2020 if necessary, 41st Floor.

## **Requests for DET-EQT for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment**

**DET-EQT2019017 Meadows Regional Medical Center, Inc.**

Purchased Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 9/25/2019

**Contact Person:** J. Alan Kent CEO 912-535-5827

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/23/2019

**DET-EQT2019024 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc**

Purchased Fixed Robotic Surgical Equipment

**Request received:** 10/16/2019

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger Director Planning 770-219-6631

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET-EQT2019025 Barbour Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, PC**

Capital Lease Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 10/17/2019

**Contact Person:** Kelly Millerd CEO 404-480-9330

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET-EQT2019026 Reagan Medical Center LLC dba Georgia Diagnostic Center**

Purchase Fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**Request received:** 10/18/2019

**Contact Person:** Sabrina Boyd Practice Administrator 678-663-6360

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019027 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital**

Purchased Fixed Interventional Radiology

**Request received:** 10/24/2019

**Contact Person:** Laurie Hansen VP of Operations 678-474-7012

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/23/2019

**DET-EQT2019028 Candler Hospital, Inc**

Purchased Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 10/30/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP Business Development 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/30/2019

**DET-EQT2019029 Ortho Sport & Spine Physicians, LLC**

Purchased Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Sean Bajnath Director of Imaging Services 917-678-1088

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019030 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed Endovascular System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Lori Jenkins Director, Strategy & Planning 229-312-1432

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET-EQT2019031 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital**

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/6/2019

**Contact Person:** Laurie Hansen VP of Operations 678-474-7012

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019032 Dekalb Medical Center, Inc d/b/a Emory Decatur Hospital**

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgery

**Request received:** 11/6/2019

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Schuck VP of Operations 404-501-4622

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/6/2020

**DET-EQT2019033 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown**

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgery

**Request received:** 11/6/2019

**Contact Person:** Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019034 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown**

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgery

**Request received:** 11/6/2019

**Contact Person:** Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019035 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital**

Capital Lease Fixed Robotic Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/6/2019

**Contact Person:** Laurie Hansen VP of Operations 678-474-7012

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019036 Perry Hospital**

Houston Hospitals, Inc. dba Perry Hospital

**Request received:** 11/8/2019

**Contact Person:** David Campbell 478-218-1625

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/6/2020

**DET-EQT2019037 South Atlanta Radiology Associates**

Purchase Mobile MRI

**Request received:** 11/12/2019

**Contact Person:** Balu S Mani, M.D. MED DIR/Sole Owner 770-991-1010

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019038 Medical Center of Central Georgia**

Purchase Mobile Surgical Robot

**Request received:** 11/12/2019

**Contact Person:** H. Bryan Forlines AVP Govt Relations 478-633-6966

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019039 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Exec. Dir, Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019040 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019041 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019042 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019043 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019044 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019045 Candler Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019046 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Cherokee**

Operational Lease Mobile CT Scanner

**Request received:** 11/18/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian J. Toporek 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019047 KHMRI, LLC**

Capital Lease Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/19/2019

**Contact Person:** Michael Kroll President 404-242-3301

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019048 Piedmont Orthopedics, LLC**

Purchase Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 11/27/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Project Mgmt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019049 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc**

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner

**Request received:** 12/18/2019

**Contact Person:** Lori Jenkins Director 229-312-1432  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019050 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital**  
Purchase Fixed Surgical Robot  
**Request received:** 12/18/2019  
**Contact Person:** John Miles Chief Financial Officer 770-400-1000  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019051 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett**  
Purchase Fixed CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 12/23/2019  
**Contact Person:** Brian J. Toporek 404-8516821  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2019052 University Health Services, Inc d/b/a University Hospital**  
Purchase Fixed CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 12/23/2019  
**Contact Person:** Edward L. Burr 706-774-8063  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2020001 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital**  
Purchase Fixed Surgical Robot  
**Request received:** 1/6/2020  
**Contact Person:** Sheryl Klink Shief Financial Officer 404-605-2233  
**Determination:** Pending

## Requests for LNR for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

**LNR-ASC2019014 Georgia Interventional Pain - G, LLC**  
Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC  
**Site:** 1504 North Thornton Rd, Suite 104 Dalton, GA 30720  
**Number of OR's:** 1 **Specialty:** Medical Practice  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$522,813.00  
**Request received:** 9/23/2019 **Challenge Received:** 10/22/2019  
**Contact Person:** Joseph R. Ross, Partner 912-232-7182  
**Determination:** Approved **Determination** 11/21/2019  
**Opposition:** Hamilton Medical Center- 10/22/2019

**LNR-ASC2019017 Sleep and Sinus Center ASC, LLC**  
Proposed Physician-Owned, Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery  
**Site:**  
**Number of OR's:** 2 **Specialty:** Otolaryngology  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,073,868.37  
**Request received:** 10/10/2019  
**Contact Person:** Joseph R. Ross 912-232-7182  
**Determination:** Approved **Determination** 12/6/2019

**LNR-ASC2019018 Amin Surgery Center for Women**  
Request for Single Specialty ASC Surgery Center for Women  
**Site:** 1150 Kirkland Lane, Douglas, GA 31533  
**Number of OR's:** 1 **Specialty:** Gynecology  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$0.00  
**Request received:** 11/1/2019  
**Contact Person:** Gayle R. Evans President  
**Determination:** Approved **Determination** 12/27/2019

**LNR-ASC2019019 Legacy Center for Spinal Surgery, LLC**  
Physician-Owned Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Center  
**Site:** 1900 The Exchange Building 600 Suite A Fulton co GA 30339  
**Number of OR's:** 2 **Specialty:** Neurological Surgery

**Project costs as submitted:** \$2,259,956.35  
**Request received:** 11/20/2019  
**Contact Person:** Joseph R. Ross, Partner 912-232-7182  
**Determination:** Pending

**LNR-ASC2019020 Cleaver Medical Group, PC**

Physician Own, Single Specialty ASC

**Site:**

**Number of OR's:** 2                   **Specialty:** Pain management

**Project costs as submitted:** \$951,034.00

**Request received:** 12/23/2019

**Contact Person:** Mary W. Hardwick 770-871-9619

**Determination:** Pending

## Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination

**DET2019130 South Georgia Endoscopy Center, Inc.**

Granting of Privileges and Ownership Interest

**Request received:** 6/21/2019

**Contact Person:** Craig Kubik, M.D., Owner/CFO 912-238-8664

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019149 Battlefield Imaging, LLC**

Replacement of CON-authorized PET/CT

**Request received:** 8/12/2019

**Challenge** 9/10/2019

**Contact Person:** Marcia Parker Director of Finance 423-893-7226

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 10/10/2019

**DET2019165 Savannah Health Services, LLC**

Bed Capacity Increase

**Request received:** 9/9/2019

**Challenge** 10/8/2019

**Contact Person:** Matthew S. Hasbrouck Chief Operating Officer 912-350-8519

**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec

**Date of Withdrawal:** 10/30/2019

**DET2019167 Northside Hospital Inc. d/b/a Northside/ Lawrenceville Imaging**

Replace CON-approved Diagnostic Imaging Equipment

**Request received:** 9/16/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian J. Toporek Senior Planner (404)851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019175 Prime Healthcare Foundation- Southern Regional, LLC**

Replacement of CON-Authorized CT Unit

**Request received:** 9/30/2019

**Contact Person:** Todd Griffin Director of Plant Operations 770-991-8045

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019181 American Health Imaging of Newnan, LLC**

Relocation of DTRC

**Request received:** 10/8/2019

**Contact Person:** Stephen Janis, Chief Dev Offcr 404-296-5887

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 1/6/2020

**DET2019182 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc**

Construct 24-bed Observation Beds at South Hall Hospital

**Request received:** 10/10/2019

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 12/9/2019

**DET2019183 Gwinnett Medical Investors, LLC**

Replacement of Porte Cochere

**Request received:** 10/11/2019

**Contact Person:** Cindy S. Cross Vice President 423-473-5867

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/9/2019

**DET2019185 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital**

Replacement of Interventional Radiology/Cath Lab Equipment

**Request received:** 10/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Ken Booker VP for Clinical Services 229-228-2912

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019186 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital**

Replacement of CON-Approved Linear Accelerator

**Request received:** 10/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Ken Brooker VP for Clinical Services 22-228-2912

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019187 Northside Hospital Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Forsyth**

Capital Expenditure Below Threshold

**Request received:** 10/16/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian J. Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019188 Paulding Medical Center, Inc d/b/a WellStar Paulding Hospital**

Creation of a Clinical Decision Unit (CDU)

**Request received:** 10/16/2019

**Contact Person:** April Austin Manager, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019189 Douglas Hospital, Inc. d/b/a WellStar Douglas Hospital**

Expansion of Emergency Department

**Request received:** 10/16/2019

**Contact Person:** April Austin Manager, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/13/2019

**DET2019190 At Home Senior Living, LLC**

Assisted Living Community

**Request received:** 10/23/2019

**Contact Person:** Shanna Dupree Member-Executive Director 478-271-4663

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/20/2019

**DET2019191 The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Inc. d/b/a The Medical Center,**

Replacement of Existing CON Approved Cath Lab

**Request received:** 10/23/2019

**Contact Person:** H. Bryan Forlines AVP Govt Relations & Reimbursement

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/23/2019

**DET2019192 Coliseum Medical Center**

Utility Plant Upgrade

**Request received:** 10/25/2019

**Contact Person:** John Ware Director, Plant Operations 478-297-4710

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/20/2019

**DET2019193 Neurotech, LLC**

Requesting to operate as an Independent Diag Testing Facility-Amb EEGs

**Request received:** 10/28/2019

**Contact Person:** Lance Morgan COO 262-875-6573

**Determination:** Denied    **Determination Date:** 12/26/2019

**DET2019194 AU Medical Center, Inc.**

Development of and Ambulatory Care Suite Under the Capital Expenditure

**Request received:** 10/29/2019

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Miller VP Planning & Business 706-446-5132

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019195 AU Medical Center, Inc.**

Replacement of Existing Grandfathered Linear Accelerator and Vault

**Request received:** 10/29/2019

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Miller VP Strategic Planning & Business 706-446-

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019196 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett**

Replace CON-approved Surgical Robot

**Request received:** 10/29/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019197 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Duluth**

Replace CON-approved Surgical Robot

**Request received:** 10/29/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019198 Sterling Medical Imaging Specialists, P.C**

Relocation of CON-Authorized MRI Equipment

**Request received:** 10/29/2019

**Contact Person:** Toni Cowan Office Administrator 912-355-6736

**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec

**Date of Withdrawal:** 12/26/2019

**DET2019199 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with U.S. Pharmacopeia Guidelines

**Request received:** 10/31/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Exec Director Project Mgt 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019200 Vantage Oncology, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Center at**

Replacement of CON Approved LINAC

**Request received:** 11/1/2019

**Contact Person:** Katara Borrero Regional Director of Operations 770-995-

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2019

**DET2019201 The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Inc d/b/a The Medical Center,**

Relocation of Existing CT

**Request received:** 11/4/2019

**Contact Person:** H. Bryan Forlines AVP Govt Relations 478-633-6966

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/2/2020

**DET2019202 Fayette Community Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Fayette Hospital**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with U.S Pharmacopeia Guidelines

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Exec. Director 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/23/2019

**DET2019203 Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, Inc**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with U.S Pharmacopeia Guidelines

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen Exec. Director 404-425-1307

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/23/2019

**DET2019204 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc**

Consolidation of Outpatient Interventional Radiology Services Main Cam

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Lori Jenkins Director, Strategy & Planning 229-312-1432

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019205 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc**

Replacement of CON-Approved Equipment

**Request received:** 11/5/2019



**Contact Person:** Lori Jenkins Director, Strategy & Planning 229-312-1432  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019206 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital**

Replacement of CON-approved da Vinci Si Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Catherine A Maloney, FACHE VP of Operations 404-712-

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019207 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown**

Replacement of CON-approve da Vinci Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Daniel Owens CEO 404-686-2010

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019208 Dekalb Medical Center, Inc d/b/a Emory Decatur Hospital**

Replacement of a CON-approved da Vinci SI Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Schuck VP of Operations 404-501-4622

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019209 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc d/b/a Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital**

Replacement of CON-approved da Vinci Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Heather Dexter CEO 678-843-7001

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019210 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc d/b/a Emory Saint Joseph's**

Replacement of CON-approved da Vinci Si Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Heather Dexter CEO 678-843-7001

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019211 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc d/b/a Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital**

Replacement of CON-approved da Vinci Si Surgical System

**Request received:** 11/5/2019

**Contact Person:** Heather Dexter CEO 678-843-7001

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2020

**DET2019212 Valdosta Endoscopy Center, LLC**

Endoscopy Center ASC not Utilizing General or Regional Anesthesia

**Request received:** 11/8/2019

**Contact Person:** C. Allen Woods JR MD 229-244-1570

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/6/2020

**DET2019213 Lowndes County Ambulatory Surgical Center, Inc**

Endoscopy Center ASC not Utilizing General or Regional Anesthesia

**Request received:** 11/8/2019

**Contact Person:** Edward J Fricker, MD 229-242-8480

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/6/2020

**DET2019214 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc**

Main Campus Below Threshold Capital Expenditure for Surgery Services

**Request received:** 11/12/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP, Business Development 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019215 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc**

Replacement of CON-Authorized CT Scanner

**Request received:** 11/12/2019

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019216 BMSH I Snellville, GA, LLC**

Development and Operations of an Assisted Living Community

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Brian Jackson Executive Director 678-346-8808

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019217 Crisp Regional Hospital, Inc**

Renovation of Wound Care Center

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Steven L. Gautney CEO 229-276-3300

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019218 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc**

Replace a CON-Authorized Cardiac Catheterization Lab

**Request received:** 11/15/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019219 Southeast Georgia Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Satilla Health**

Renovation of Wound Care Center

**Request received:** 11/26/2019

**Contact Person:** Mark Roberts COO 912-287-2500

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019220 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital**

Add 15 Inpatient Beds pursuant to 75% Occupancy

**Request received:** 11/26/2019

**Contact Person:** Lindsay Cooper Director of Planning 770-400-2374

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019221 Candler Hospital, Inc**

Replace CON-Authorized CT Scanner

**Request received:** 11/26/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP 912-819.6557

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019222 Candler Hospital Inc**

Acquisition & Relocation of Existing Hospital-based Skilled Nursing Fac

**Request received:** 11/26/2019

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower VP 912-819-6557

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019223 Emory University Hospital**

Replacement of Linear Accelerator

**Request received:** 11/27/2019

**Contact Person:** Katherine Wright Director of Operation 404-778-4679

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019224 ARC of Georgia, LLC d.b.a Premier Surgery Center**

Relocation of Multi-Specialty CON ASC

**Request received:** 11/27/2019

**Contact Person:** John Salandi Administrator 912-389-7450

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019225 St. Mary's Health Care System, Inc d/b/a St. Mary's Hospital**

Replace CON-Approved Equipment

**Request received:** 11/27/2019

**Contact Person:** Jeff Brown, RT FACHE VP Support Services 706-389-2655

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019226 RHC Real Estate, LLC**

Expansion of SNF into Existing Space

**Request received:** 12/2/2019

**Contact Person:** Teresa W. Moody 478-621-2100 ext 2227  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019227 Douglas Hospital, Inc d/b/a WellStar Douglas Hospital**  
Purchase of X-ray/Fluoroscopy Equipment and Related Construction  
**Request received:** 12/5/2019  
**Contact Person:** April Austin Manager 470-644-0057  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019228 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown**  
Facility Renovation for a Biocontainment Unit  
**Request received:** 12/6/2019  
**Contact Person:** Nicholas Iannitti, MHA VP 404-686-0303  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019229 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett**  
Replace CON-approved cardiac catheterization equipment  
**Request received:** 12/11/2019  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019230 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc d/b/a New Horizons Limestone**  
New Horizon Limestone Below Capital Expenditure Threshold Renovation  
**Request received:** 12/12/2019  
**Contact Person:** Linda Berger Dir., Planning 770-219-6631  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019231 Eastside Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Eastside Medical Center**  
Change in Scope of CON-Approved Project GA 2010-047  
**Request received:** 12/13/2019  
**Contact Person:** Persaud Rudolph Director 770-736-2450  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019232 Resurgens Orthopaedics**  
Replacement of MRI Machine  
**Request received:** 12/17/2019  
**Contact Person:** Dr. John Gleason Co-President 404-459-3790  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019233 PS Senior Living LLC**  
Request for Letter of Determination  
**Request received:** 12/18/2019  
**Contact Person:** David L Roos Manager 269-262-4565  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019234 RHC Real Estate, LLC**  
Remodel of Existing SNF  
**Request received:** 12/18/2019  
**Contact Person:** Teresa W. Moody 478-621-2100 ext. 2227  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019235 Northside Hospital, Inc d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta**  
Capital Expenditure Under Threshold - OR renovation  
**Request received:** 12/20/2019  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek Senior Planner 404-851-6821  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019236 Piedmont Hospital, Inc d.b.a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital**  
Relocate CON-Approved Radiation Therapy Facility  
**Request received:** 12/20/2019  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwn Exec. Director 404-425-1307  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019237 Over the Top Management, LLC**  
Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility for Private Pay Residents  
**Request received:** 12/23/2019  
**Contact Person:** Mike Pascoe 770-366-6600  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019238 Wilmington Senior Care, LLC**  
Existing Assisted Living Community Capacity Increase  
**Request received:** 12/26/2019  
**Contact Person:** Allison Ramirez 407-255-2224  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2019239 Hospital Authority of Colquitt County d/b/a Colquitt Regional Medical Center**  
Purchase Dornier Compact Sigma Modular Lithotripter  
**Request received:** 12/27/2019  
**Contact Person:** Greg Johnson VP of Operations 229-890-3547  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2020001 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta/Lowndes Counties dba South Georgia MC**  
Replacement of CON-Approved (2009-083) Linear Accelerator  
**Request received:** 1/2/2020  
**Contact Person:** David Schott, DrPh, COO 299-259-4122  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2020002 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta/ Lowndes County dba South Georgia MC**  
Replacement of CON-Approved (182-84) Linear Accelerator  
**Request received:** 1/2/2020  
**Contact Person:** David Schott, DrPh, COO 229-259-4122  
**Determination:** Pending

## Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

**2018-052 HHC Augusta, Inc d/b/a Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta**  
Establish a 14-Bed Acute Adult Inpatient Psych/Sub Abuse Unit- [Batching](#)  
Request to Extend Completion Date  
**Project Approved:** 12/20/2018  
**Request Received:** 12/5/2019  
**Site:** 3100 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta (Richmond)  
**Contact:** Whitney Vovou, CEO  
**Approved Cost:** \$1,654,934  
**Determination:** Approved, 12/11/2019  
Extended Completion Date: 5/1/2020

**2018-002 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite**  
Addition of Seven (7) ED Bays and Replacement of MRI  
Request to Extend Completion Date  
**Project Approved:** 5/25/2018  
**Request Received:** 12/13/2019  
**Site:** 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, NE (Fulton)  
**Contact:** David Tatum, CPPO  
**Approved Cost:** \$19,275,000  
**Determination:** Approved, 12/13/2019  
Extended Completion Date: 8/1/2020

**2015-032 Piedmont Hospital, Inc.**  
Develop a New Non-Special Purpose MRT Service  
Request to Extend Performance Period  
**Project Approved:** 1/28/2019  
**Request Received:** 12/20/2019  
**Site:** 3525 Busbee Drive, NW (Cobb)  
**Contact:** Christine MacEwe, Executive Dir; Project Mgmt  
**Approved Cost:** \$9,350,363  
**Determination:** Pending

## **Need Projection Analyses Posted 12/20/2019**

### **Current Status of Official Office of Health Planning Need Projection Analyses and Other Data Resources**

#### [Need Projections and Maps for CON Regulated Services](#)

2024 Non-Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 12/20/2019

2024 PET Need Projection – Posted 12/20/2019

2024 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA– Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Rehab Need Projection– Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2024 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2022 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2019

2022 Home Health Agency Need Projections - Posted 9/27/2019

#### Non-Batched Need Projections

2024 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 8/9/2019

Note: Short Stay Hospital Bed Need Projections are facility-specific and completed by DCH on an ad hoc basis upon request.

## **Non-Filed or Incomplete Office of Health Planning Facility Surveys**

Required Annual Surveys are available to individual facilities for completion and submission to the Department at [www.georgiahealthdata.info](http://www.georgiahealthdata.info).

A listing of complete and incomplete surveys separated by service and by year may be found at [www.GaMap2Care.info](http://www.GaMap2Care.info).

# Indigent and Charity Care Shortfalls

## Facilities with Indigent and Charity Care Commitment Shortfalls for Most Recent 3 Years (Commitment status as of (1/7/2020))

Facility Name	County	Year	Shortfall Due	Service
ELO Outpatient Surgery Center	Bibb	2015	1,039.66	Ambulatory Surgery Center
GA Urology, PA Cobb Ambulatory Surgery Center	COBB	2014	14,433.70	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Georgia Pain Spine Center, LLC	COBB	2015	24,472.48	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Interventional Spine and Pain Management Ambulatory Surgical Center	Rockdale	2013	70,825.83	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Rome Endoscopy Ctr Inc, The	FLOYD	2014	92,083.32	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Rome Endoscopy Ctr Inc, The	FLOYD	2015	88,222.50	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Schulze Surgery Center, Inc.	Chatham	2013	4,838.07	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Schulze Surgery Center, Inc.	Chatham	2015	18,304.24	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Stephen Lober Plastic Surgery	CLARKE	2014	4,439.76	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Island Health Care	Chatham	2014	20,912.29	Home Health Agency
Island Health Care	Chatham	2015	46,002.33	Home Health Agency
Staff Builders Home Health	Gwinnett	2015	39,203.62	Home Health Agency
Suncrest Home Health	Fulton	2014	18,318.91	Home Health Agency
Suncrest Home Health	Fulton	2015	17,068.27	Home Health Agency

Notes: The provisions of the Provider Payment Act of 2010 exempt eligible hospitals from being required to pay shortfalls associated with CON indigent and charity care commitments while the Act is in force. Critical Access Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and State-owned hospitals are exempt from the PPA so must still pay shortfalls associated with CON commitments.

# **CERTIFICATE OF NEED FILING REQUIREMENTS**

## **Letters of Intent**

O.C.G.A. 31-6-40(b) provides that:

Any person proposing to develop or offer a new institutional health service or health care facility shall, before commencing such activity, submit a letter of intent and an application to the department and obtain a certificate of need in the manner provided in this chapter unless such activity is excluded from the scope of this chapter.

O.C.G.A. 31-6-43(a) further provides that:

At least 30 days prior to submitting an application for a certificate of need for clinical health services, a person shall submit a letter of intent to the department. The department shall provide by rule a process for submitting letters of intent and a mechanism by which applications may be filed to compete with and be reviewed comparatively with proposals described in submitted letters of intent.

All parties interested in applying for a certificate of need for new institutional health services **MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT 30 DAYS PRIOR TO FILING AN APPLICATION** of their intent to do so. This notice must be in writing and must contain the following information:

- Name and address of legal applicant;
- Person to whom inquiries may be addressed;
- Name, address of facility, if different from legal applicant;
- Proposed Project Site Location;
- Brief summary description of proposal;
- Proposed service area; and,
- Cost of the project.

The Department will not accept any letters of intent submitted by either telephone, facsimile or e-mail pursuant to Rule 111-2-2-.06(5).

Note: No CON application will be accepted without a previously filed Letter of Intent. The CON application must be submitted no later than 30 days after the Letter of Intent has been received by the Department.

## **Instructions for Organization of Appendices**

**Appendices**, in the original application document as well as the copies, must be separated by **lettered tabs** upon submission with the Office of Health Planning.

For Appendices with multiple documents, each document in that specific appendix must be separated by a **light colored** dividing sheet containing the name of the document which follows the dividing sheet.

These instructions are listed on Page iv of the CON application form. Compliance with these instructions is required pursuant to Rule 111-2-2-.06(2).

## **Determining Completeness**

Please note the completeness requirements for all applications may be found at Rule 111-2-2-.06(5). Expired, deficient, or invalid information will not be accepted as documentation for the purposes of deeming an application complete.

## Batching Review

The below reviewable CON services are grouped for review into quarterly Batching Cycles. These services and the Batching Cycles are as follows:

	Batched Service	Batching Notice	Letter of Intent	Application Deadline
FALL	Home Health, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Perinatal Service, Inpatient Rehabilitation, Ambulatory Surgery, Obstetrical Services	September	October	November
WINTER	PET, Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy, Pediatric Cath/Open Heart, Adult Open Heart, Psych/Substance Abuse, Birthing Centers	December	January	February
SPRING	Home Health, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Perinatal Service, Inpatient Rehabilitation, Ambulatory Surgery, Obstetrical Services	March	April	May
SUMMER	PET, Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy, Pediatric Cath/Open Heart, Adult Open Heart, Psych/Substance Abuse, Birthing Centers	June	July	August

### **Batching Notifications— Posted 12/20/2019 on DCH Website** Winter Batching Review Cycle Notifications

The requirements for Letters of Intent associated with designated Batching Cycles will be issued at the time of publication of the Batching Notice.

**Letters of Intent** for services, facilities, or expenditures for which there is no specified batching cycle, or other applicable rule, may be filed at any time.

[Positron Emission Tomography](#)

[Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy](#)

[Pediatric Cath/Open Heart](#)

[Psych/Substance Abuse](#)

[Birthing Centers](#)

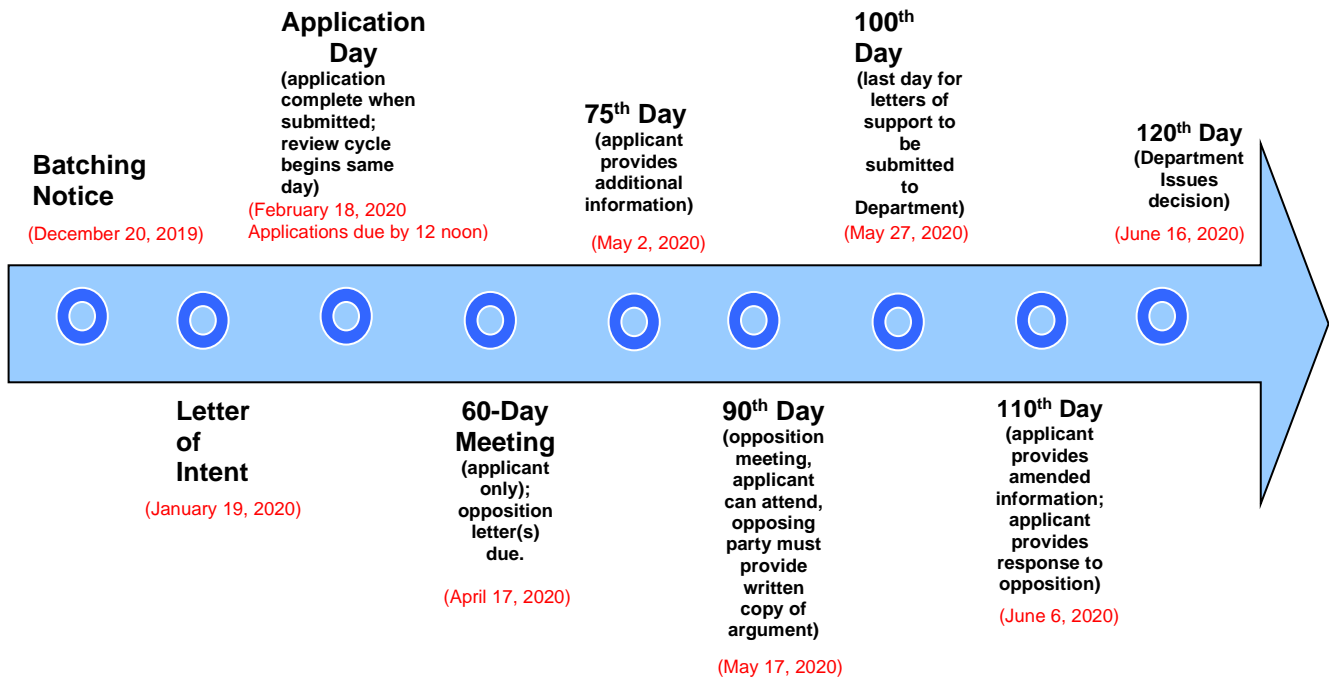
[Adult Open Heart](#)

Need Projections can be found on the [“DHP Need Projections” Page](#)



# BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

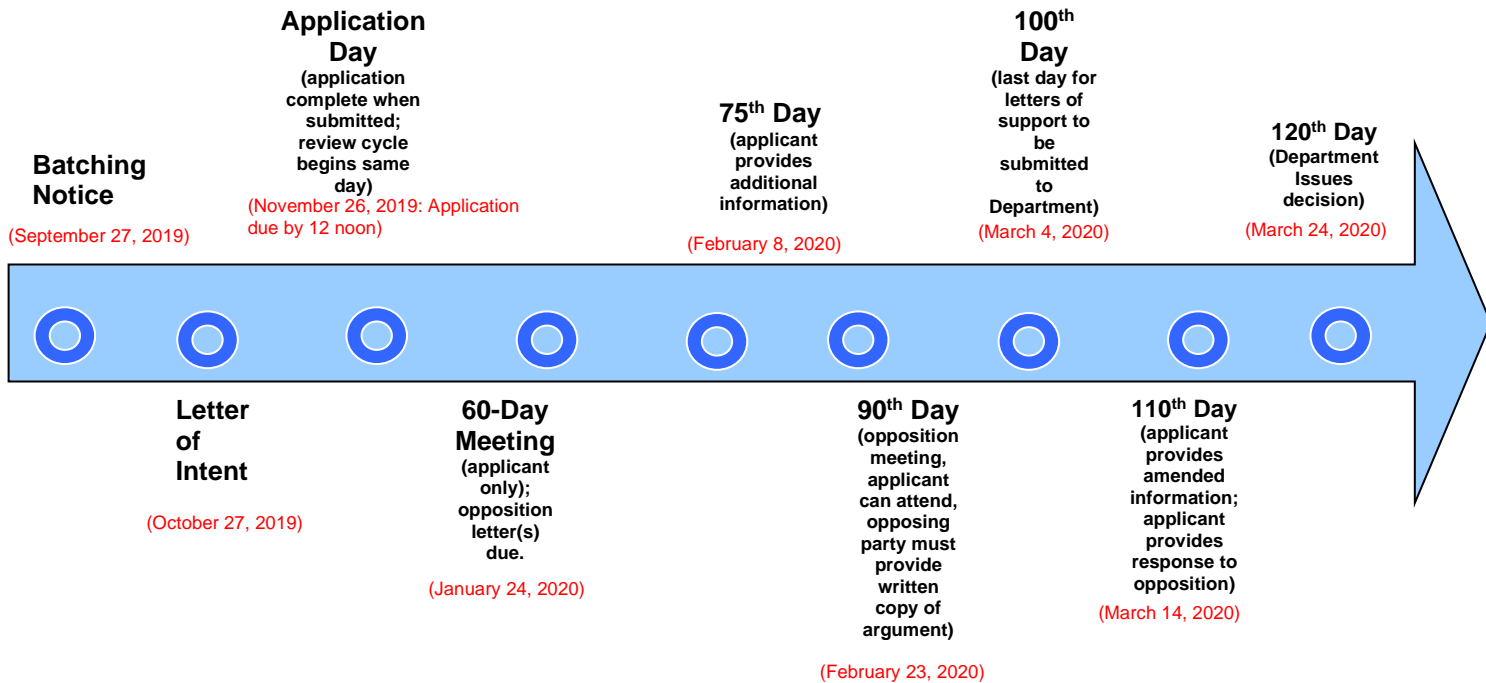
## WINTER CYCLE



- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent Due
- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Applications submitted; deemed complete; review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-Day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75<sup>th</sup> day – applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day – Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100<sup>th</sup> day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition due to Department; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department’s inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

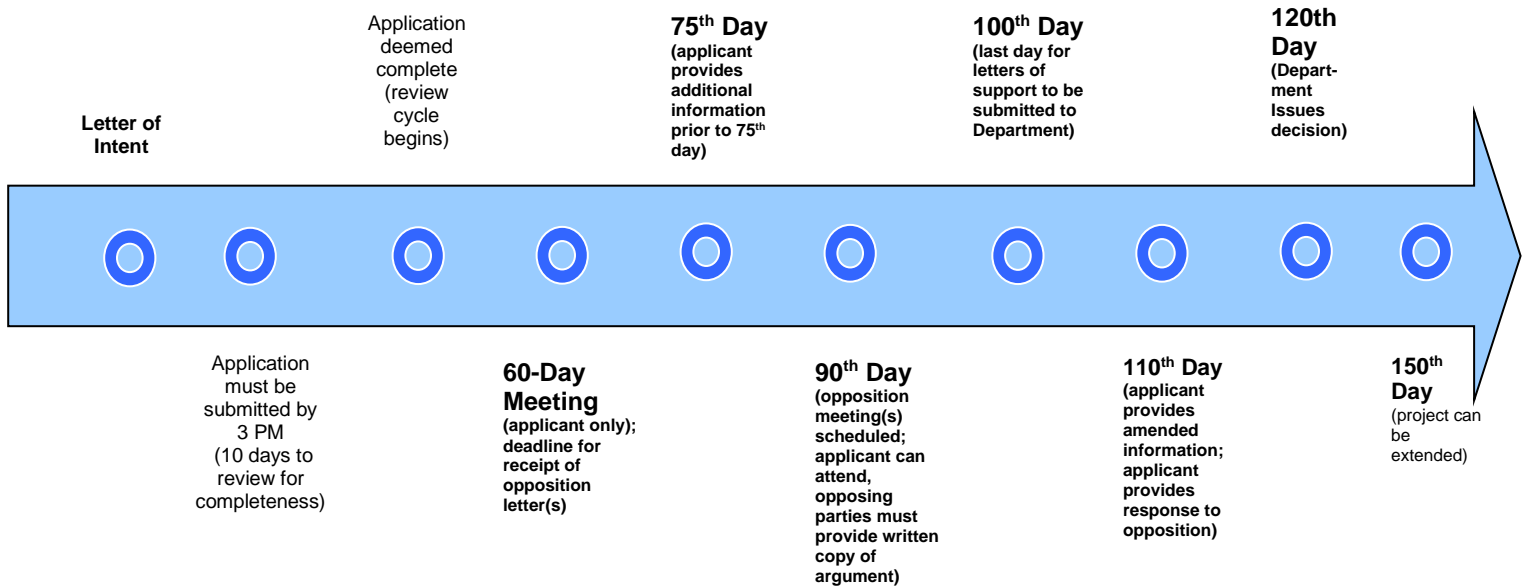
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**FALL CYCLE**



- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent Due
- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Applications submitted; deemed complete; review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-Day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75<sup>th</sup> day – applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day – Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100<sup>th</sup> day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition due to Department; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department’s inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

# NON-BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES



- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Application submitted (10 working days to review for completeness). Applications submitted after 3:00 PM will be considered received on the next business day.
- ▶ Application deemed complete; 120-day review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75th day - applicant provides additional information prior to 75<sup>th</sup> day
- ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> day – Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100<sup>th</sup> day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110<sup>th</sup> day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department’s inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120<sup>th</sup> day Decision issued (Department has discretion to extend to 150<sup>th</sup> day)

## Office of Health Planning Contact Information

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For questions concerning pending Certificate of Need applications please contact Bruce Henderson,  
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For questions concerning Health Planning surveys and indigent and charity care commitment shortfalls  
Please contact Steve Cappel, Data Manager  
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## Letters of Determination

The Department will require that a determination request be submitted for any proposed activity that may be exempt under O.C.G.A. 31-6. Such requests will be accepted only on the Department's form with the required filing fee of \$250. Requests for confirmation of the exemption for equipment below the threshold shall continue to be submitted using the Request for Letter of Non-Reviewability Form until further notice and will also require a \$250 filing fee.

Note: Requests for confirmation of the exemptions for a single specialty ambulatory surgical center or a joint venture ambulatory surgical center below the threshold are considered requests for a Letter of Non-Reviewability ("LNR") and require a \$500 filing fee

## Requirements for Verification of Lawful Presence within the United States

The Department will no longer require information relating to this topic for Certificate of Need applications.

## Periodic Reporting Requirements

From June 1, 2016 until September 15, 2016, the Department, through the Office of Health Planning, permitted facilities an opportunity to complete outstanding surveys in order to become compliant. Facilities not in compliance after the September deadline received a Notification of Deficiencies which included details regarding the outstanding surveys, where surveys could be completed, and contact information for the Department. To confirm whether your facility has an outstanding survey please visit [www.georgiamap2care.info](http://www.georgiamap2care.info) To complete a survey, please visit [www.georgiahealthdata.info](http://www.georgiahealthdata.info).

**CON Thresholds** become effective annually on July 1. The current and effective thresholds can be found on the CON Thresholds page.

<http://dch.georgia.gov/con-thresholds>

## Special Note

The [Letters of Intent](#) section of the Tracking and Appeals Report provides the date on which the CON Application must be submitted for each potential project. If the CON application is not received on that date, the associated Letter of Intent is considered expired.

Please do not submit Letters of Opposition or Letters of Support prior to the Department's receipt of an actual Certificate of Need application.

### **Open Record Requests**

Requests for documents or other information can be obtained using the Open Record Request form found at the following:

<http://dch.georgia.gov/health-planning-publications-and-data-resources>

The ORR Form found there can be emailed to HealthPlanningInfo@dch.ga.gov

### **Web Links**

Please access copies of available Health Planning decisions and documents at the following web address:

<https://weblink.dch.georgia.gov/WebLink8/Browse.aspx?startid=63&dbid=1>

Please also visit [www.GaMap2Care.info](http://www.GaMap2Care.info) for healthcare facility and reporting information.

### **LNR Conversion**

As of June 1, 2016, absent the proposed undertaking of a reviewable action necessitating prior CON review and approval, the Department will no longer engage in CON review of facilities in possession of an LNR.

### **DET Review**

Pursuant to the Department's adoption of the Facility Guidelines Institute 2018 physical plant updates on April 15, 2018, effective August 1, 2018, the Office of Health Planning will no longer engage in the review or issuance of letters of determination regarding the applicability of the CON laws to those freestanding facilities seeking to perform procedures outside of either an operating room environment or a dedicated non-sterile endoscopy room as they categorically do not meet the definition of a reviewable ambulatory surgical or obstetrical facility.

## **CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPEAL PANEL**

Sworn by Governor Sonny Perdue on August 20, 2008

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