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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Letters of Intent

LOI2020030 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Cartersville Medical Center

Cost Overrun for CON2018-036

Received: 10/5/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/4/2020

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

Estimated Cost: \$5,894,030

LOI2020034 American Health Imaging of Savannah

Addition of a CT Scanner

Received: 10/19/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/18/2020

Site: 30 Janet Drive, #101, Savannah, GA 31405 (Chatham County)

Estimated Cost: \$446,250

Letters of Intent – Batching

Perinatal Services

LOI2020035 Wellstar Kennestone Hospital

Expand Neonatal Intensive Care Service (Level III) - Batching

Received: 10/18/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/17/2020 by 12:00 P.M.

Site: 677 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060 (Cobb County)

Estimated Cost: \$264,000

Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Services

LOI2020031 Eastside Medical Center

Add 10 Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Beds - Batching

Received: 10/18/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/17/2020 by 12:00 P.M.

Site: 1700 Medical Way, Snellville, GA 30078 (Gwinnett County)

Estimated Cost: \$8,250,000

LOI2020032 Rehabilitation Hospital of Columbus

Establish a 40-Bed Freestanding Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Program - Batching

Received: 10/18/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/17/2020 by 12:00 P.M.

Site: 8301 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, GA 31909 (Muscookee County)

Estimated Cost: \$35,000,000

LOI2020033 Rehabilitation Hospital of Atlanta

Establish 40-Bed Freestanding Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Program - Batching

Received: 10/18/2020

Application must be submitted on: 11/17/2020 by 12:00 P.M.

Site: 1968 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 (Fulton County)

Estimated Cost: \$22,000,000

Expired Letters of Intent

none

Withdrawn CON Applications

none

New CON Applications

none

Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

none

Pending Review/Complete Applications

2020-029 South Georgia Medical Center

Expand Hospital Bed Capacity by 45 beds

Filed: 6/15/2020 **Deemed Complete:** 6/29/2020

60th Day Deadline: 8/27/2020

Decision Deadline: 10/26/2020

Site: 2501 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31602 (Lowndes County)

Contact: Ronald E. Dean, President and CEO 229-259-4102

Estimated Cost: \$886,645

2020-030 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Forsyth County

Cost Overrun for CON2014-028

Filed: 7/13/2020 **Deemed Incomplete:** 7/27/2020 **Deemed Complete:** 8/24/2020

60th Day Deadline: 10/22/2020

Decision Deadline: 12/21/2020

Site: 165 Sanders Road, Cumming, GA 30041 (Forsyth County)

Contact: Walter C. Smith, Dir. State Regulatory 205-970-7926

Estimated Cost: \$33,000,000

2020-031 Vest Monroe, LLC

Additional 23 Adult Psychiatric/Substance Abuse Beds - [Batching](#)

Filed: 8/21/2020 **Deemed Complete:** 8/21/2020

60th Day Deadline: 10/19/2020

Decision Deadline: 12/18/2020

Site: 709 Breedlove Drive, Monroe, GA 30655 (Walton County)

Contact: Martina Sze, Executive Vice President 212-243-5565

Estimated Cost: \$2,647,300

Recently Approved Applications

none

Recently Denied Applications

2020-025 United Imaging Center of Buckhead, LLC

Proposed Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center in Fulton County

Filed: 5/21/2020 **Deemed Incomplete:** 6/4/2020 **Deemed Complete:** 6/18/2020

60th Day Deadline: 8/16/2020

Decision Deadline: 10/15/2020

DENIED: 10/15/2020

Site: 2045 Peachtree Road NE Suite T-3, Atlanta, GA (Fulton County)

Contact: Kenneth Basille, Managing Member 678-217-7700

Estimated Cost: \$126,000

2020-026 United Imaging Center of Chamblee, LLC

Proposed Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center in Cobb County

Filed: 5/21/2020 **Deemed Incomplete:** 6/4/2020 **Deemed Complete:** 6/18/2020

60th Day Deadline: 8/16/2020

Decision Deadline: 10/15/2020

DENIED: 10/15/2020

Site: 3166 Chestnut Connector Drive, Suite 110, Atlanta, GA 30340 (Fulton County)

Contact: Ken Basille Managing Member 770-329-2000

Estimated Cost: \$497,800

2020-027 United Imaging Center of Jonesboro, LLC

Proposed Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center in Clayton County

Filed: 5/21/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 6/4/2020 Deemed Complete: 6/19/2020
60th Day Deadline: 8/17/2020
Decision Deadline: 10/16/2020
DENIED: 10/16/2020
Site: 750 Mount Zion Road, Suite 110, Jonesboro, GA 30236 (Clayton County)
Contact: Kenneth Basille, Managing Member 770-329-2000
Estimated Cost: \$185,400

2020-028 United Imaging Center of Marietta

Proposed Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center in Cobb County, SSSDR-3
Filed: 5/21/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 6/4/2020 Deemed Complete: 6/19/2020
60th Day Deadline: 8/17/2020
Decision Deadline: 10/16/2020
DENIED: 10/16/2020
Site: 1965 North Park Place SE, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30339 (Fulton County)
Contact: Ken Basille Managing Member 770-329-2000
Estimated Cost: \$186,800

Appealed Determinations

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. Lynn Hogue

Hearing Date: N/A

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer denied WellStar Windy Hill’s Motion for Summary Adjudication and affirmed the Department’s 8/21/2019 determination, 10/2/2020.

DET-EQT2020032 CHI Memorial Hospital-Georgia, Inc. (“Memorial”) Request for Equipment Letter of Determination received on 4/13/2020, regarding the acquisition of a Siemens Magnetom Aera 1.5T MRI and a Siemens AS64 Eco CT scanner.

Agency Decision: Approved on 6/11/2020

Appealed: Battlefield Imaging, LLC (“BI”) filed Request for Administrative Appeal on 7/6/2020. BI filed Request for Stay of Determination Pending Administrative Appeal on 7/30/2020.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

Hearing Date: Pending

DET2020-113 Adventist Health System Georgia, Inc. d/b/a AdventHealth Gordon (“AdventHealth”) Request for Letter of Determination received on 5/13/2020, regarding the performance of therapeutic cardiac catheterization procedures.

Agency Decision: Approved on 7/15/2020

Appealed: Hamilton Medical Center, Inc. (“Hamilton”) filed Request for Administrative Appeal on 8/13/2020.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

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: Dr. L. Lynn Hogue, J.D.

Hearing Date: 9/15-17/2020, 9:30 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

Hearing Decision: 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. DCH filed Motion for Remand, 1/16/2020; Hearing Officer granted DCH’s remand motion, 1/28/2020. Remand decision denying request issued on 3/12/2020.

Hearing Officer: Dr. L. Lynn Hogue, J.D.

Hearing Date: Pending

Appealed CON Projects

2014-019 University Hospital (Columbia)

2014-029 GRHealth Columbia County (Columbia)

2014-030 Doctors Hospital of Augusta (Columbia)

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. Court of Appeals affirms the Superior Court’s decision upholding the Department’s decision, 8/20/2020.

Supreme Court: Petition for Writ of Certiorari granted, judgment of the Court of Appeals vacated, and case remanded for reconsideration, 12/23/19. Doctors Hospital files Petition for Writ of Certiorari, requesting the Supreme Court review the 8/20/2020 Court of Appeals decision, 9/9/2020.

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. FMC filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Georgia Supreme Court, 12/11/2019. Redmond filed Response in Opposition to FMC's Petition for Certiorari, 12/30/2019.

Supreme Court: FMC's Petition for Certiorari denied, 8/10/2020.

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. Redmond Regional Medical Center files Renewed Appeal to Commissioner Berry on Order of Remand, 5/7/2020. In Final Order on Remand, Commissioner ordered that the August 16, 2019, decision of the Hearing Officer to deny a CON to Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc., d/b/a Floyd Medical Center to establish an Adult Open Heart Surgery program is affirmed, 6/30/2020.

Superior Court of Fulton County: Grants Hamilton's and the Department's motions to dismiss Redmond's petition for judicial review. Dismissed with prejudice, 3/9/2020. Grants Floyd Medical Center's motion to dismiss Redmond's petition for judicial review. Dismissed with prejudice. 3/9/2020. Grants Tanner's and the Department's motions to dismiss Redmond's petition for judicial review. Dismissed with prejudice, 3/9/2020.

Superior Court of Floyd County: On Floyd Medical Center's appeal of the denial of its CON, the court remanded the matter to the Department for complete review of Floyd Medical Center's application, 4/14/2020. Floyd Medical Center filed Petition for Judicial Review of DCH's Final Order on Remand, 7/30/2020.

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. / 41st Floor; Continued until further notice

2019-037 Vision Imaging Center (Thomas)

Development of a Freestanding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Center or DTRC

Agency Decision: Approved, 2/25/2020

Appealed By: John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital ("Archbold"), 3/24/2020

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 9/1/2020, 9/2-4/2020, 10:00 A.M.; 9/18/2020, 9 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

Hearing Decision: Pending

2019-045 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC (Bartow)

New Service to Include 4 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds - Batching

Agency Decision: Denied, 3/24/2020

Appealed By: Cartersville Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Cartersville Medical Center ("CMC"), 3/26/2020. Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc. d/b/a Floyd Medical Center submitted request to intervene in the hearing, 4/21/2020.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: 9/29/2020-10/2/2020, 9:30 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

Hearing Decision: Pending

2020-002 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC (Columbia)

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/1/2020

Appealed By: AU Medical Center, Inc. ("AUMC"), 6/22/2020; University Health Services, Inc. ("University"), 6/30/2020

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: Pending

2020-003 Coliseum Medical Centers (Houston)

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/9/2020

Appealed By: The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Inc. d/b/a The Medical Center, Navicent Health (“The Medical Center”), 6/25/2020; The Medical Center of Peach County, Inc. d/b/a Medical Center of Peach County, Navicent Health (“Peach”), 6/25/2020; Houston Hospitals, Inc. d/b/a Houston Medical Center (“Houston”), 7/1/2020; Houston Hospitals, Inc. d/b/a Perry Hospital (“Perry Hospital”), 7/1/2020

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: 11/9-10/2020, 11/12-13/2020, 9:30 A.M. / Remote Video Conference - visit

<https://dch.georgia.gov/meetings-notices> for link.

2020-004 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr (Bryan)

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/11/2020

Appealed By: Candler Hospital, Inc. (“Candler”), 6/25/2020; St. Joseph’s Hospital, Inc. (“St. Joseph’s”), 6/25/2020; Hospital Authority of Liberty County d/b/a Liberty Regional Medical Center (“Liberty”), 6/26/2020

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 1/19-22/2021, 9:30 A.M. / 5th Floor

2020-005 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Ctr (Chatham)

Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/8/2020

Appealed By: Candler Hospital, Inc. (“Candler”), 6/25/2020; St. Joseph’s Hospital, Inc. (“St. Joseph’s”), 6/25/2020; Effingham Hospital Inc. (“Effingham”), 6/29/2020

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 1/25-29/2021, 9:30 A.M. / 5th Floor

2020-014 University Cancer & Blood Center, LLC (Clarke)

Add a PET/CT Unit to its Oncology Practice in Athens - Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/16/2020

Appealed By: Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. (“Piedmont Athens”), 7/14/2020. University Cancer & Blood Center (“UCBC”) submitted request to intervene in the hearing, 7/16/2020.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: 2/9-10,12/2021, 9:30 A.M. / 5th Floor; 2/11/2021, 9:30 A.M. / 41st Floor

2020-015 Northside Hospital Gwinnett (Gwinnett)

Establish Hospital-Based Radiation Therapy Services on Campus - Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/16/2020

Appealed By: Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Main Campus (“NGMC-Main Campus”), 7/14/2020; Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall Campus (“NGMC-South Hall”), 7/14/2020; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Oncology Center - Lawrenceville (“RCOG-Lawrenceville”), 7/14/2020; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Therapy Center - Snellville (“RCOG-Snellville”), 7/14/2020; Vantage Cancer Centers of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Center at Lawrenceville (“Vantage-Lawrenceville”), 7/14/2020.

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 12/7/2020, 12/10/2020, 9:00 A.M. / 41st Floor; 12/8-9/2020, 12/11-18/2020, 9:00 A.M. / 5th Floor

2020-020 University Hospital (Columbia)

Establish a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility

Agency Decision: Approved, 7/21/2020

Appealed By: Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC d/b/a Doctors Hospital of Augusta (“Doctors”), 8/19/2020. AU Medical Center, Inc. (“AUMC”), 8/20/2020.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: Pending

2020-023 AU Medical Center, Inc. (Richmond)

Establish a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility as a Department of AU Medical Center, Inc

Agency Decision: Approved, 7/28/2020

Appealed By: Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC d/b/a Doctors Hospital of Augusta (“Doctors”), 8/27/2020. University Health Services, Inc. (“University”), 9/3/2020. University McDuffie County Regional Medical Center, Inc. (“University-McDuffie”), 9/3/2020.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.
Hearing Date: Pending

Requests for DET-EQT for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment

DET-EQT2020037 Macon Orthopaedic and Hand Center, PA

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 5/8/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020047 Outpatient Imaging, LLC

Purchase MRI, CT Scanner, Ultrasound, X-ray

Request received: 7/30/2020

Contact Person: John Arnold, M.D.

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 9/25/2020

DET-EQT2020048 University Health Services, Inc.

Purchase Cardiac Cath Lab Equipment

Request received: 8/10/2020

Contact Person: Edward Burr

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020049 Douglas Hornsby, M.D., LLC

Lease Fixed MRI

Request received: 8/11/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020050 Douglas Hornsby, M.D., LLC

Lease Mobile MRI

Request received: 8/11/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020051 Douglas Hornsby, M.D., LLC

Lease Mobile MRI

Request received: 8/21/2020

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020052 The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Georgia, Inc.

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 8/24/2020

Contact Person: Tamara Smith

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020053 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc.

Purchase da Vinci Xi Dual Console System

Request received: 8/25/2020

Contact Person: Drew Dempsey

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020054 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation

Purchase da Vinci Surgical Robot

Request received: 8/27/2020

Contact Person: Mike McCarthy

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020055 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 8/27/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020056 Houston Hospitals, Inc dba Houston Medical Center

Lease Mobile MRI
Request received: 8/28/2020
Contact Person: Mindy Hartley, DNP, MBA, RN, NE-BC
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020057 Arthritis & Rheumatology Center PC

Lease Fixed MRI
Request received: 9/4/2020
Contact Person: Ekta Patel
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020058 Resurgens Orthopaedics

Purchase Fixed MRI
Request received: 9/10/2020
Contact Person: Kesha Colton
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020059 Southeast Georgia Health System, Inc. d/b/a SGHS-Camden Campus

Lease Zimmer Robotic System
Request received: 9/15/2020
Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020060 Bare Bones Medical LLC

Purchase Fixed MRI
Request received: 9/16/2020
Contact Person: Mike Lofton
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020061 Ortega Enterprises, LLC

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner and Fixed C-Arm Fluoroscopy
Request received: 9/18/2020
Contact Person: Glenn Lewis
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020062 The ENT Center of Central GA, P.C.

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner and Fixed CT Contract Injector
Request received: 9/21/2020
Contact Person: Camille White
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020064 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Lease Robotic Surgical System
Request received: 9/23/2020
Contact Person: Laurie Hansen
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020065 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Lease Robotic Surgical System
Request received: 9/23/2020
Contact Person: Daniel Owens
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020066 Douglas Hospital d/b/a Wellstar Douglas Hospital

Purchase da Vinci Xi
Request received: 9/30/2020
Contact Person: April Austin
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020067 Cobb Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Cobb Hospital

Purchase da Vinci Xi

Request received: 9/30/2020

Contact Person: April Austin

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020068 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Hospital

Purchase da Vinci Xi

Request received: 9/30/2020

Contact Person: April Austin

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020069 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Hospital

Purchase da Vinci Si

Request received: 9/30/2020

Contact Person: April Austin

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020070 AU Medical Associates, Inc.

Lease Mobile MRI

Request received: 9/30/2020

Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020071 Village Podiatry Group, LLC

Transfer Fixed MRI

Request received: 10/5/2020

Contact Person: Everette B. Jenkins

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020072 Good Samaritan Hospital, Inc. d/b/a St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 10/5/2020

Contact Person: Sims Kendall

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020073 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta

Purchase da Vinci

Request received: 10/5/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020074 Barbour Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, PC

Lease Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 10/6/2020

Contact Person: Kelly Millerd

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020075 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc

Lease Robotic Assisted Bronchoscopy

Request received: 10/9/2020

Contact Person: Kevin Andrews

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020076 HighField Imaging, LLC

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 10/9/2020

Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross

Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020077 Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC

Lease Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 10/14/2020
Contact Person: Everette B. Jenkins
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020078 Adventist Health System Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Gordon Hospital
Purchase da Vinci XI Single Console System
Request received: 10/19/2020
Contact Person: Everette B. Jenkins
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020079 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta
Purchase Fixed CT Scanner
Request received: 10/19/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020080 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Forsyth
Purchase Fixed CT Scanner
Request received: 10/19/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Pending

Requests for DET-ASC for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

(Formerly: Requests for LNR for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities)

LNR-ASC2020011 Georgia Interventional Pain - H, LLC
Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC
Site: 526 Bankhead Highway, Suite 102 Carrollton Georgia 30117
Number of ORs: 1 **Specialty:** Pain Medicine
Project costs as submitted: \$479,513
Request received: 8/24/2020
Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross 912-232-7182
Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2020013 Eye MD Surgery Center, LLC
Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC
Site: 14 Vision Street, Suite 200 Bethlehem, GA 30620
Number of ORs: 1 **Specialty:** Ophthalmology
Project costs as submitted: \$919,856.58
Request received: 9/1/2020
Contact Person: Robert Rozier 404-459-0050
Determination: Pending

Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination

DET2020100 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Determination Request to Replace CT Scanner
Request received: 5/6/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 9/23/2020

DET2020102 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation (for Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority -
IR Relocation and Equipment Replacement
Request received: 5/6/2020
Contact Person: George Smith
Determination: Pending

DET2020156 Cedar Communities at Commerce, LLC
Bed Increase
Request received: 7/1/2020

Contact Person: Charmaine Mech
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 9/28/2020

DET2020159 AU Medical Center, Inc.

Replacement of 1.5T MRI Unit
Request received: 7/14/2020
Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt
Determination: Pending

DET2020160 AU Medical Center, Inc.

Replacement of 3.0T MRI
Request received: 7/14/2020
Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/1/2020

DET2020164 BUS1818SLG,LLC

Development and Operation of an Assisted Living and Memory Care Community
Request received: 7/23/2020
Contact Person: Laura Blakeman 762-524-7550
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/1/2020

DET2020165 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Change Defined Location of CT Service on Primary Campus
Request received: 7/23/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 9/21/2020

DET2020166 St. Francis Health, LLC d/b/a St. Francis Hospital

Replacement of Cardiac Cath Lab
Request received: 7/27/2020
Contact Person: Alan George
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 9/24/2020

DET2020167 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC

Relocation of Existing Healthcare Facility
Request received: 7/31/2020
Contact Person: Stephen Janis
Determination: Pending

DET2020168 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC

Replace CT Acquired Prior to 2008, Below Threshold
Request received: 7/31/2020
Contact Person: Stephen Janis
Determination: Pending

DET2020169 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC

Replacement of CON-Approved MRI Unit
Request received: 7/31/2020
Contact Person: Stephen Janis
Determination: Pending

DET2020170 Adventist Health System, Georgia, INC

USP 800 Pharmacy Upgrades
Request received: 8/3/2020
Contact Person: Karen Steely
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/1/2020

DET2020171 University Cancer & Blood Center

Replacement of Linear Accelerator
Request received: 8/3/2020
Contact Person: Kerry Clark
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/1/2020

DET2020173 Tift Regional Health System, Inc. d/b/a Southwell Medical

Addition of GI/OR Room and New Pre/Post Rooms

Request received: 8/6/2020

Contact Person: Alex Le

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/5/2020

DET2020174 Tift Regional Health System, Inc. d/b/a Tift Regional Medical Center

Addition of 3rd Adult Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

Request received: 8/7/2020

Contact Person: Alex Le

Determination: Pending

DET2020175 Cobb Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Cobb Hospital

New Hospital Outpatient Department

Request received: 8/20/2020

Contact Person: April Austin

Determination: Pending

DET2020176 GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM

N.I.C.U. REMODELING

Request received: 8/21/2020

Contact Person: GEORGE SMITH

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/19/2020

DET2020177 Grady Health System

7-A INPATIENT UNIT REFRESH

Request received: 8/21/2020

Contact Person: GEORGE SMITH

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 10/19/2020

DET2020178 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with U.S. Pharmacopeia Guidelines

Request received: 8/24/2020

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen

Determination: Pending

DET2020179 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Additional Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Request received: 8/27/2020

Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt

Determination: Pending

DET2020180 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation

Replacement of Interventional Radiology Equipment

Request received: 8/28/2020

Contact Person: Mike McCarthy

Determination: Pending

DET2020181 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation

Replacement of Equipment

Request received: 8/28/2020

Contact Person: Mike McCarthy

Determination: Pending

DET2020182 Tanner Medical Center, Inc.

Capital Expenditures Below Threshold

Request received: 8/26/2020

Contact Person: Carol S. Crews

Determination: Pending

DET2020183 UHS of Anchor, L.P.

Sitework and Renovation Activities to Improve Safety Against Flooding

Request received: 8/31/2020

Contact Person: Luis Betances
Determination: Pending

DET2020184 Eagles Landing Living, LLC

Develop New Assisted Living Community
Request received: 8/31/2020
Contact Person: Alex Salabarria
Determination: Pending

DET2020185 Lotus Park Senior Living-Barrett

Develop New Assisted Living Community
Request received: 8/31/2020
Contact Person: Alex Salabarria
Determination: Pending

DET2020186 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Cherokee

Expansion of Observation Beds Below Threshold at NHC
Request received: 9/2/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Pending

DET2020187 Alliance HealthCare Services

Add Mobile PET/CT Unit
Request received: 9/16/2020
Contact Person: Dorothy H. Cornwell
Determination: Pending

DET2020188 West Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center

Pharmacy Relocation
Request received: 9/16/2020
Contact Person: April Austin
Determination: Pending

DET2020189 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Hospital

Inpatient Dialysis Unit Relocation
Request received: 9/16/2020
Contact Person: April Austin
Determination: Pending

DET2020190 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc. d/b/a/ Floyd Medical Center

Construction of Ambulance Canopy and Patient Transport Infrastructure
Request received: 9/18/2020
Contact Person: Drew Dempsey
Determination: Pending

DET2020191 Grady Health System

Replacement of Interventional Radiology Equipment
Request received: 9/23/2020
Contact Person: Mike McCarthy
Determination: Pending

DET2020192 Peachtree Home Health, LLC

HHA Transfer
Request received: 9/24/2020
Contact Person: Gary W. Rasmussen
Determination: Pending

DET2020193 Hughston Hospital Inc., d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside

Replacement CT Scanner
Request received: 9/28/2020
Contact Person: Christine MacEwen
Determination: Pending

DET2020194 HSH-Alpharetta Management GA, LLC

Expansion of Assisted Living Community

Request received: 9/29/2020

Contact Person: Trent Johnson

Determination: Pending

DET2020195 PSL Warner Robbins Subtenant LLC dba The Phoenix at Lake Joy

Addition to Assisted Living and Memory Care Community

Request received: 10/1/2020

Contact Person: Yolanda Hunter

Determination: Pending

DET2020196 Grady Health System

Replacement of Equipment

Request received: 10/1/2020

Contact Person: Mike McCarthy

Determination: Pending

DET2020197 Grady Health System

Replacement of Equipment

Request received: 10/2/2020

Contact Person: Mike McCarthy

Determination: Pending

DET2020198 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Duluth

Request for Below Threshold Expenditures

Request received: 10/5/2020

Contact Person: Brian Toporek

Determination: Pending

DET2020199 Jasper Health Services, Inc.

Capital Expenditure Below Threshold

Request received: 10/13/2020

Contact Person: Michele Madison

Determination: Pending

DET2020200 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Replacement of Interventional Radiology Room

Request received: 10/13/2020

Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt

Determination: Pending

DET2020201 Hospital Authority of Colquitt County d/b/a Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Upgrade Nine Rooms on Second Floor and Nursing Station

Request received: 10/15/2020

Contact Person: William Bishop

Determination: Pending

DET2020202 RiverWoods Behavioral Health, LLC

Increase in Bed Capacity

Request received: 10/16/2020

Contact Person: Coleby Wright

Determination: Pending

Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

2018077 Kennestone Hospital Inc.

Create a Hybrid Operating Room

Request to Extend Performance Period

Site: 677 Church Street, Marietta (Cobb)

Project Approved: 4/18/2019

Request Received: 9/11/2020

Contact: April Austin, Manager (470-644-0057)

Approved Cost: \$ 6,816,865

Determination: Approved, 10/20/2020

Extended Mandatory Completion: September 26, 2021

2019025 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Construction of a Cancer Tower on EUHM Campus

Request to Extend Implementation Date

Site: 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta (Fulton)

Project Approved: 10/11/2019

Request Received: 9/16/2020

Contact: Daniel Owens, CEO (404-686-2010)

Approved Cost: \$ 468,958,000

Determination: Pending

2017055 WellStar Cobb Hospital

Renovate Patient Rooms and Relocate Certain ICU Rooms

Request to Extend Completion Date

Site: 3950 Austell Rd SW, Austell (Cobb)

Project Approved: 3/5/2018

Request Received: 9/18/2020

Contact: April Austin, Mgr (470-644-0057)

Approved Cost: \$ 14,685,000

Determination: Pending

2018038 Pro Radiology LLC

Acquisition of Equipment Above Threshold

Request to Extend Completion Date

Site: 60 Peachtree Park Drive NE Suite 100, Atlanta (Fulton)

Project Approved: 8/20/2019

Request Received: 10/13/2020

Contact: Darr McKeown, M.D. (404-606-3313)

Approved Cost: \$ 1,404,574

Determination: Pending

Need Projection Analyses Posted 9/18/2020

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

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

2025 Non-Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 6/22/2020

2025 PET Need Projection – Posted 6/22/2020

2025 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA– Posted 9/18/2020

2025 Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Need Projections – Posted 9/18/2020

2025 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/18/2020

2025 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/18/2020

2025 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/18/2020

2023 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/18/2020

2023 Home Health Agency Services Need Projection - Posted 9/18/2020

[Non-Batched Need Projections](#)

2024 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 1/17/2020

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.

Indigent and Charity Care Shortfalls

Facilities with Indigent and Charity Care Commitment Shortfalls for Most Recent 3 Years (Commitment status as of (10/20/2020))

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). **In-person filings are no longer accepted.** All forms must be submitted electronically through the Department's website at <https://dch.georgia.gov/office-health-planning-applications-and-requests-forms-0>.

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 9/18/2020 on DCH Website* Fall 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.

[Home Health](#)

[Skilled Nursing
Facilities/Intermediate Care Facilities](#)

[Ambulatory Surgery](#)

[Obstetrical Services](#)

[Neonatal Intensive Care](#)

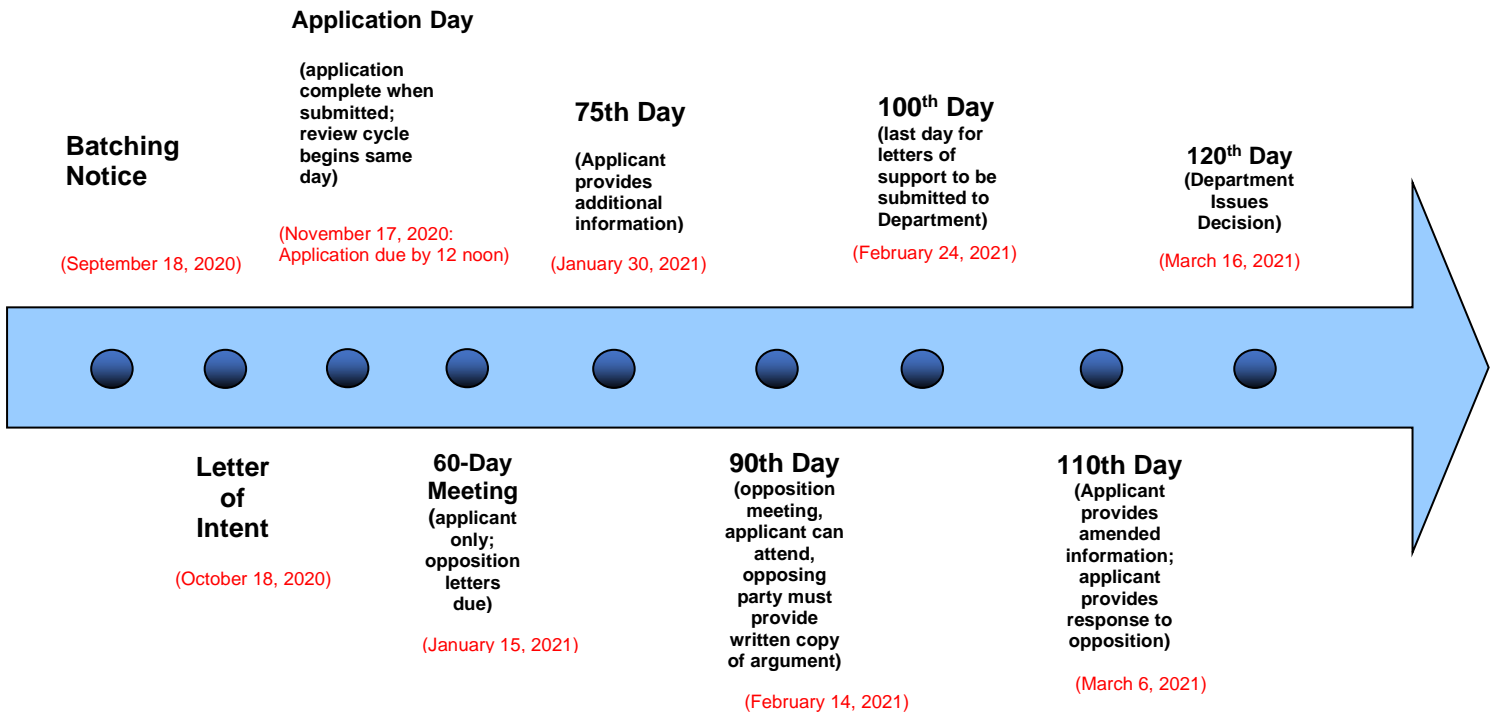
[Inpatient Rehabilitation](#)

[Neonatal Intermediate Care](#)

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

BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

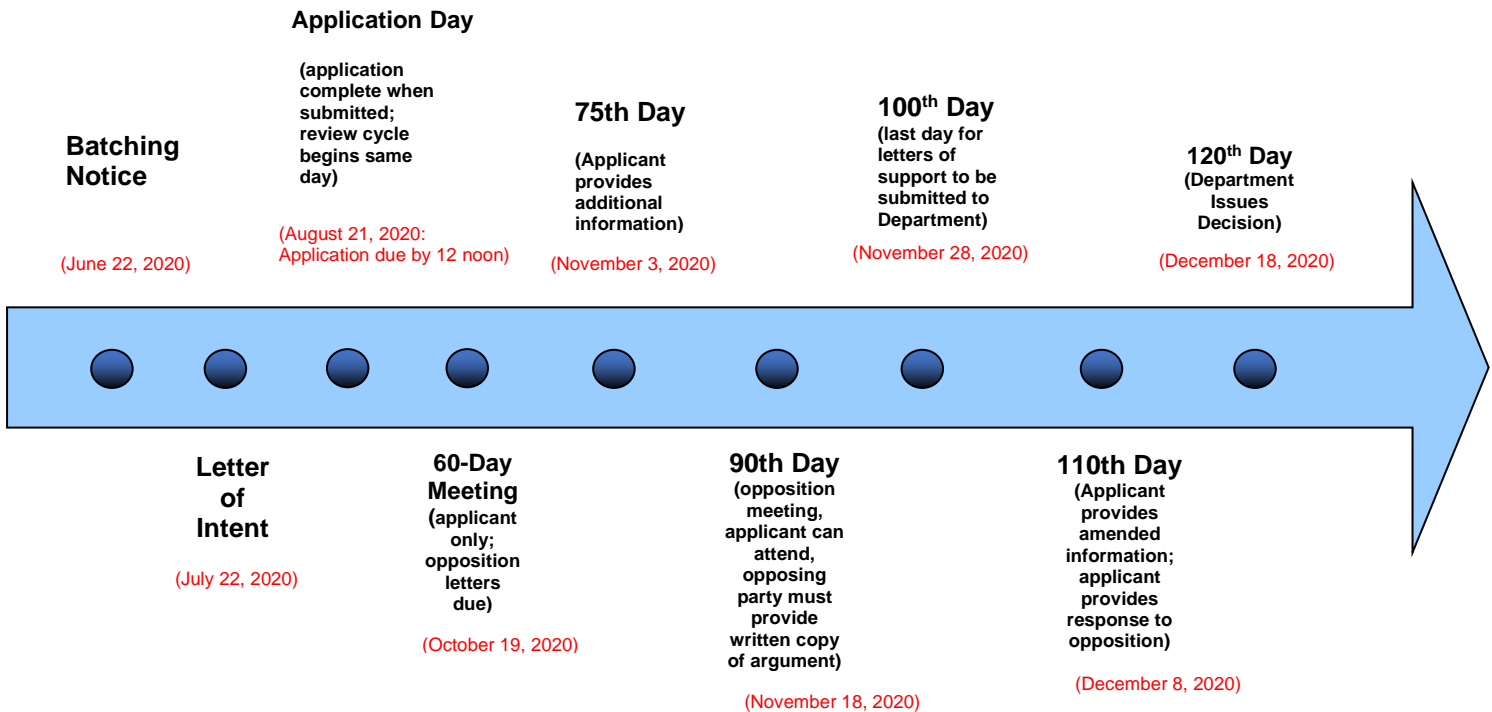
FALL CYCLE



- ▶ 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)
- ▶ 75th day – applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90th 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.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110th 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
- ▶ 120th day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

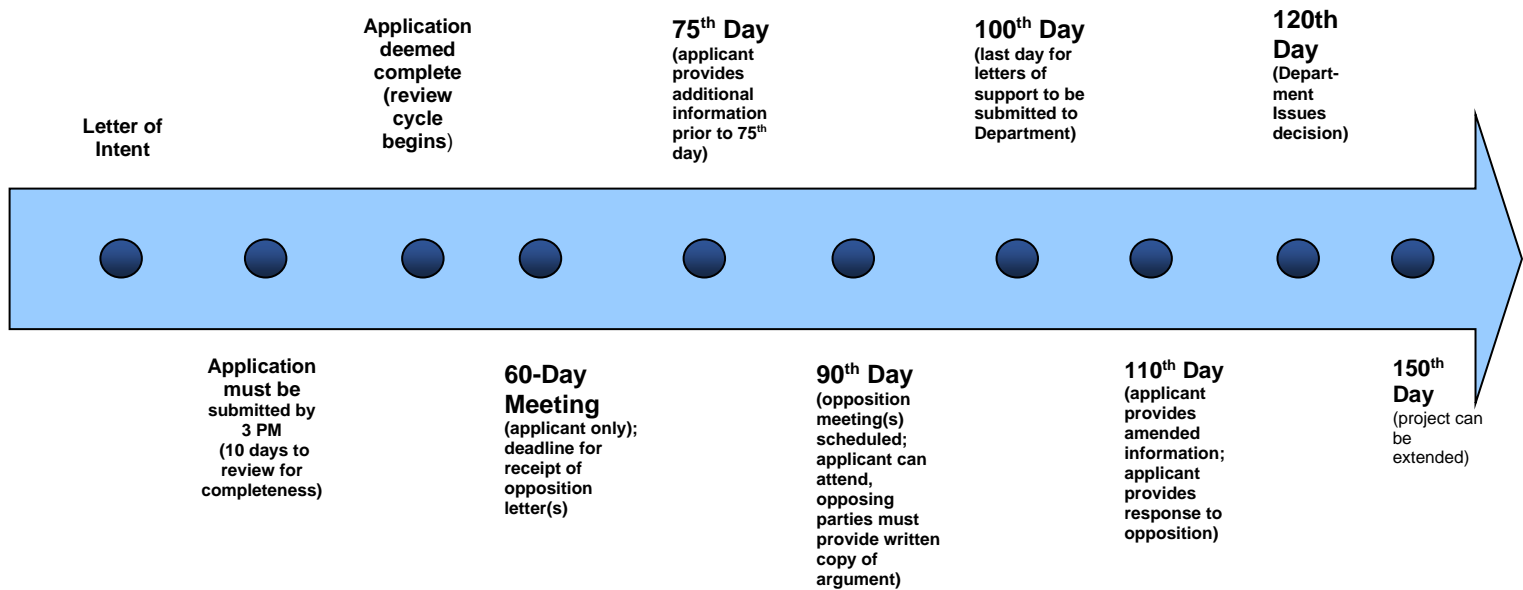
BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

SUMMER 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)
- ▶ 75th day – applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90th 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.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110th 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
- ▶ 120th 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 75th day
- ▶ 90th 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.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110th 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
- ▶ 120th day Decision issued (Department has discretion to extend to 150th day)

Office of Health Planning Contact Information

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Georgia Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree St., N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303,
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For questions concerning pending Certificate of Need applications please contact Bruce
Henderson, Senior Reviewer
(bhenderson@dch.ga.gov)

For questions concerning Health Planning surveys and indigent and charity care commitment
Shortfalls please contact Steve Cappel, Data Manager
(steve.cappel@dch.ga.gov)

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. § 31-6-1 et seq. Such requests will be accepted only on the Department's form with the required filing fee of \$250.00. 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 \$250.00 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 require a \$250.00 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 To complete a survey, please visit 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 <https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/> 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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IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Effective immediately (March 30, 2020), all *Office of Health Planning* applications and requests must be submitted electronically through our website. We are no longer accepting in-person filings. If you need to submit a document for which a web form is currently unavailable, please timely mail your submission to:

**Department of Community Health
Office of Health Planning
2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303**

The above may be accessed here: <https://dch.georgia.gov/office-health-planning-applications-and-requests-forms-0>

Thank you for your cooperation as we do our part by practicing social distancing during this public health state of emergency.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03.20.20.02

If you have a request to suspend a provision of O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40 pursuant to State of Georgia Executive Order 03.20.20.02, REDUCING REGULATIONS TO ASSIST THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, please complete this from: <https://dch.georgia.gov/divisionsoffices/office-health-planning/covid-19-code-section-31-6-40-suspension-request-form>