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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Stacey Hillock, Executive Director  
Office of Health Planning

SUBJECT: Update of Certificate-of-Need (CON) Thresholds

On July 1, 2021, the following CON thresholds become effective:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Thresholds Effective 7/1/2021</u>
Capital Expenditures, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40(a)(2)	\$ 10,562,339.00
Single-Specialty Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(18)	\$ 3,395,893.00
Joint Venture Ambulatory Surgery Centers, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(19)	\$ 6,791,786.00
Equipment Acquisition (Excluding PET Services), O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(28)	\$ 3,013,645.00
Equipment Repair or Replacement, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(10)	\$ 873,957.00

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 31-6-40(a)(2) and 31-6-2(14), calculation of the CON threshold is made using the Private Fixed Investment in Structures Index (PFI), which is published annually by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The annual percentage of change in the PFI Index is calculated and applied to the prior year's thresholds to derive the dollar change and the final updated thresholds. These calculations are shown below:

2019 Private Fixed Investment Index – Revised June 24, 2021	127.232
2020 Private Fixed Investment Index – Revised June 24, 2021	130.259
Annual Percent Change, Cumulative 2019 to 2020	2.379%

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(28), calculations of the CON Equipment Acquisition and the Equipment Repair or Replacement thresholds are made using the annual percentage of change in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year. These calculations are shown below:

2019 Consumer Price Index – Medical Care Commodities – Extracted June 24, 2021	381.288
2020 Consumer Price Index – Medical Care Commodities – Extracted June 24, 2021	383.160
Annual Percent Change, Cumulative 2019 to 2020	0.491%

**Sources:**

Private Fixed Investment in Structures - United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income and Product Accounts, Private Fixed Investment in Structures by Type Index (Table 5.4.4U), Revised June 24, 2021.  
Consumer Price Index - United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Medical Care Commodities (Series CUUR0000SAM1), Extracted June 24, 2021.

Calculated by: Office of Health Planning, Department of Community Health