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# Tracking And Appeals Report

***March 12, 2025 – March 18, 2025***

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## Letters of Intent

**LOI2025007 Coliseum Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Macon Medical Center**  
Establish Freestanding Emergency Department  
**Received: 3/10/2025** **Application must be submitted on: 4/4/2025**  
**Site:** Intersection - Highway 96 and Butten Rd, Bonaire, GA 31005 (Houston County)  
**Estimated Cost:** \$23,500,000

## Letters of Intent – Batching

none

## Expired Letters of Intent

none

## Withdrawn CON Applications

none

## New CON Applications

none

## Pending Review Applications

### **2024-031 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.**

Addition of 7 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds in SDDR 10 - Batching

**Filed: 11/25/2024 Deemed Complete: 11/25/2024**

**30th Day Deadline: 12/24/2024**

**Decision Deadline: 3/24/2025**

**Site:** 417 Third Avenue, Albany, GA 31701 (Dougherty County)

**Contact:** Christopher M. Kane, Chief Strategy Officer 229-312-4100

**Estimated Cost:** \$0

### **2025-002 Georgia Heart Institute, LLC**

Acquisition of Cardiac PET Scanner

**Filed: 1/31/2025 Deemed Incomplete: 1/31/2025 Deemed Complete: 2/5/2025**

**30th Day Deadline: 3/1/2025**

**Decision Deadline: 5/30/2025**

**Site:** 346 Deep South Farm Road, Suite B, Blairsville, GA 30512 (Union County)

**Contact:** Linda Berger, Strategy & Planning 770-219-6631

**Estimated Cost:** \$634,550

### **2025-003 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center**

Addition of 5 Level III Beds - Batching

**Filed: 2/24/2025 Deemed Complete: 2/24/2025**

**30th Day Deadline: 3/25/2025**

**Decision Deadline: 6/23/2025**

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

**Contact:** James Satcher, Regulatory Planning Consultant 470-991-1834

**Estimated Cost:** \$1,374,500

### **2025-004 Arthur M. Blank Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Arthur M. Blank Hospital**

Addition of 12 Level III Beds - Batching

**Filed: 2/24/2025 Deemed Complete: 2/24/2025**

**30th Day Deadline: 3/25/2025**

**Decision Deadline: 6/23/2025**

**Site:** 2220 North Druid Hills Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 (DeKalb County)

**Contact:** John Smith, VP of Gov't Relations 404-785-4577

**Estimated Cost:** \$11,386,687

**2025-005 Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite**

Addition of 12 Level III Beds - Batching

**Filed:** 2/24/2025 **Deemed Complete:** 2/24/2025

**30th Day Deadline:** 3/25/2025

**Decision Deadline:** 6/23/2025

**Site:** 1001 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** John Smith, VP of Gov't Relations 404-785-4577

**Estimated Cost:** \$6,472,833

**2025-006 Tanner Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Tanner Medical Center - Carrollton**

Addition of 4 Level III Beds - Batching

**Filed:** 2/24/2025 **Deemed Complete:** 2/24/2025

**30th Day Deadline:** 3/25/2025

**Decision Deadline:** 6/23/2025

**Site:** 705 Dixie Street, Carrollton, GA 30117 (Carroll County)

**Contact:** Greg Schulenburg, EVP/CAO/CIO 770-812-9387

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,484,010

## Recently Approved Applications

none

## Recently Denied Applications

**2024-027 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC d/b/a American Health Imaging of Alpharetta**

New Imaging Center

**OPPOSITION FILED**

**Filed:** 10/28/2024 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/29/2024 **Deemed Complete:** 11/12/2024

**30th Day Deadline:** 11/26/2024

**Decision Deadline:** 2/24/2025

**DENIED:** 2/24/2025

**Site:** 3285 Northpoint Parkway, Building 7, Alpharetta, GA 30005 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Dan Balentine, Group President 404-296-5887

**Estimated Cost:** \$4,184,860

## Disqualified Applications

none

## Appealed Determinations

**DET-EQT2022-035 Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC** Request for Letter of Determination received on 4/5/2022, regarding additional locations for mobile MRI.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 7/27/2022

**Appealed:** Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC ("Allegiance") files Request for Administrative Appeal on 8/19/2022.

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

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**DET2023-102 Center for Advanced Research & Education, LLC** Request for Letter of Determination received on 5/16/2023, regarding acquisition and use of PET unit.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 10/10/2023

**Appealed:** The Center for Advanced Research & Education, LLC ("CARE") files Request for Administrative Appeal on 11/8/2023. Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. ("NGMC") files Request to Intervene, 11/29/2023.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024-073 MDS Imaging, Inc.** Request for Letter of Determination received on 7/2/2024, regarding acquisition of

mobile MRI unit.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 12/6/2024

**Appealed:** MDS Imaging, Inc. ("MDS") files Request for Administrative Appeal on 1/3/2025. Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center and Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital ("Wellstar") file Request to Intervene, 12/17/2024. The Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals ("GACH") files Request to Intervene, 1/3/2025.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024-074 MDS Imaging, Inc.** Request for Letter of Determination received on 7/2/2024, regarding acquisition of fixed MRI unit.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 12/6/2024

**Appealed:** MDS Imaging, Inc. ("MDS") files Request for Administrative Appeal on 1/3/2025. Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Spalding Medical Center ("Wellstar Spalding") files Request to Intervene, 12/17/2024. The Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals ("GACH") files Request to Intervene, 1/3/2025.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024-075 MDS Imaging, Inc.** Request for Letter of Determination received on 7/2/2024, regarding acquisition of fixed CT unit.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 12/6/2024

**Appealed:** MDS Imaging, Inc. ("MDS") files Request for Administrative Appeal on 1/3/2025. Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Spalding Medical Center ("Wellstar Spalding") files Request to Intervene, 12/17/2024. The Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals ("GACH") files Request to Intervene, 1/3/2025.

**Hearing Officer:** Dr. L. Lynn Hogue

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**DET2024-209 West Georgia Surgery Center, LLC** Request for Letter of Determination received on 9/19/2024, regarding addition of physician to single specialty JV ASC.

**Agency Decision:** Denied on 1/24/2025

**Appealed:** West Georgia Surgery Center, LLC ("WGSC"), Tanner Medical Center, Inc. ("TMC"), and Carrollton Orthopaedic Clinic, P.C. ("COC") file Request for Administrative Appeal on 2/21/2025.

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

**Hearing Date:** Pending

## Appealed CON Projects

**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

2018-073 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:** 6/16-18-2021, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirms Department's decision to grant a CON to Braselton ASC and reverses Department's decision to deny BSSC's application, ordering the Department to issue a CON to both projects, 10/22/2021. Braselton ASC, NGMC-South Hall Campus, NGMC-Main Campus, and NGMC Barrow file for Commissioner Review, 11/22/2021.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirms Hearing Officer's 10/22/2021 decision to issue a CON to both projects, 12/22/2021. Braselton ASC, NGMC-South Hall Campus, NGMC-Main Campus, and NGMC Barrow file Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Hall County, 1/20/2022.

**Superior Court of Hall County:** Denies Braselton ASC's, NGMC-South Hall Campus's, NGMC-Main Campus's, and NGMC Barrow's Petition for Judicial Review and affirms 12/22/2021 Commissioner Review decision to grant a CON to BSSC, 6/15/2022. Braselton ASC, NGMC-South Hall Campus, NGMC-Main Campus, and NGMC Barrow file Application for Discretionary Appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals, 7/15/2022.

**Court of Appeals:** Grants Braselton ASC's, NGMC-South Hall Campus', NGMC-Main Campus', and NGMC Barrow's Application for Discretionary Appeal, 8/8/2022. Affirms Superior Court's denial of Braselton ASC's, NGMC-South Hall Campus', NGMC-Main Campus', and NGMC Barrow's Petition for Judicial Review, 5/3/2023. Braselton ASC, NGMC-South Hall Campus, NGMC-Main Campus, and NGMC Barrow file Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 6/12/2023.

**Court of Appeals Ruling on Remand:** Affirms Department's decision to grant a CON to BSSC, 12/9/2024. Braselton ASC, NGMC-South Hall Campus, NGMC-Main Campus, and NGMC Barrow file Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 1/21/2025.

**Supreme Court:** Grants Braselton ASC's, NGMC-South Hall Campus', NGMC-Main Campus', and NGMC Barrow's Petition for Certiorari, vacates judgment, and remands case to the Court of Appeals for reconsideration, 3/19/2024.

**Supreme Court Ruling on Remand:** Pending

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

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

2020-004 Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

2020-005 Construction of Freestanding Emergency Department

**Agency Decision:** 2020-004 Approved, 6/11/2020 2020-005 Approved, 6/8/2020

**Appealed By:** 2020-004 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. 2020-005 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:** David C. Will, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 1/19-22/2021, 1/25-28/2021, 9:30 A.M. / Remote Video Conference; 1/20-21/2022, 1/24-28/2022, 1/31/2022, 2/1/2022, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer grants St. Joseph's/Candler's Motion for Summary Adjudication and reverses DCH's award of CONs to Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Ctr, 1/26/2021. Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Ctr files for Commissioner Review, 2/25/2021.

**Hearing Decision on Remand:** Hearing Officer affirms Department's decisions to grant Certificates of Need to Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Ctr, 6/6/2024. St. Joseph's files for Commissioner Review, 6/28/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Candler files for Commissioner Review, 6/28/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Liberty files for Commissioner Review, 6/28/2024 (2020-004). Effingham files for Commissioner Review, 6/28/2024 (2020-005). St. Joseph's files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Chatham County, 7/2/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Candler files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Chatham County, 7/2/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Liberty files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Liberty County, 7/2/2024 (2020-004). Effingham files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Effingham County, 7/2/2024 (2020-005).

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Reverses Hearing Officer's 1/26/2021 decision granting SJC's Motion for Summary Adjudication; remands the matter to the Department to resume proceedings before a Hearing Officer consistent with the CON Administrative Hearing process, 3/26/2021.

**Commissioner Review Decision on Remand:** Affirms Hearing Officer's Decision on Remand to grant Certificates of Need to Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Ctr, 8/5/2024. St. Joseph's files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Chatham County, 9/3/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Candler files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Chatham County, 9/3/2024 (2020-004, 2020-005). Liberty files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Liberty County, 9/3/2024 (2020-004). Effingham files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Effingham County, 9/3/2024 (2020-005).

**Superior Court of Chatham County:** Grants Department's Motion to Dismiss 7/2/2024 Petition for Judicial Review, 10/30/2024. Denies St. Joseph's and Candler's Petitions for Judicial Review and affirms Department's Final Order,

1/14/2025. St. Joseph's and Candler file Application for Discretionary Appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals, 2/11/2025 (2020-004, 2020-005).

**Superior Court of Liberty County:** Denies Liberty's second Petition for Judicial Review and affirms Department's Final Order, 1/10/2025. Liberty files Application for Discretionary Appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals, 2/10/2025 (2020-004).

**Superior Court of Effingham County:** Denies Effingham's Petition for Judicial Review and Affirms Department's Final Order, 2/26/2025 (2020-005).

**Court of Appeals:** Denies Liberty's Application for Discretionary Appeal, 3/7/2025 (2020-004). Denies St. Joseph's and Candler's Application for Discretionary Appeal, 3/10/2025 (2020-004, 2020-005).

#### **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:** David Will, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 10/23-27/2023, 11/2/2023, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Reverses Department's 7/21/2020 decision to grant a Certificate of Need to University Hospital, 6/10/2024. University Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Augusta ("UHS") files for Commissioner Review, 6/17/2024. UHS files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Richmond County, 7/10/2024.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Affirms Hearing Officer's decision to reverse the Department's decision to grant a Certificate of Need to University Hospital, 8/8/2024. UHS files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Richmond County, 9/5/2024.

**Superior Court of Richmond County:** Affirms the Department's Final Order, 2/5/2025. UHS files Application for Discretionary Appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals, 3/7/2025.

**Court of Appeals:** 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. AU Medical Center, Inc. withdraws CON 2020-023, 12/4/2024.

**Hearing Officer:** David C. Will, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Continued until further notice

#### **2021-008 St. Joseph's/Candler Radiation Oncology - Statesboro (Bulloch)**

Establish Non-Special MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy Service – Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 6/15/2021

**Appealed By:** SJC Oncology Services-Statesboro, LLC d/b/a St. Joseph's/Candler Radiation Oncology-Statesboro ("SJC-Statesboro"), 7/14/2021. Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center ("Memorial") files Request to Intervene, 6/23/2021. South Georgia Center for Cancer Care, LLC ("SGCCC") files Request to Intervene, 7/14/2021. Memorial files Notice of Withdrawal, 4/22/2024.

**Hearing Officer:** David C. Will, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 6/18/2024, 1:00 P.M., 6/20/2024, 2:30 P.M., 6/21/2024, 6/24-28/2024, 12/19-20/2024, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Pending

#### **2021-010 South Georgia Center for Cancer Care (Bulloch)**

Add Linear Accelerator – Batching

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 6/15/2021

**Appealed By:** Candler Hospital, Inc. ("Candler"), 7/14/2021. South Georgia Center for Cancer Care, LLC ("SGCCC") files Request to Intervene, 7/14/2021.

**Hearing Officer:** David C. Will, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 6/18/2024, 1:00 P.M., 6/20/2024, 2:30 P.M., 6/21/2024, 6/24-28/2024, 12/19-20/2024, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Pending

**2022-024 Five Points Healthcare of GA, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Home Health (Cobb)**

Expansion of Home Health Agency (Fulton, Cherokee Counties) - Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 9/23/2022

**Appealed By:** Five Points Healthcare of GA, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Home Health ("Aveanna Cobb"), 10/18/2022.

**Hearing Officer:** O. Wendell Horne, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**2022-025 Five Points Healthcare of GA, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Home Health (Gwinnett)**

Expansion of Home Health Agency (Clayton, Fayette, Henry, Rockdale Counties) - Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 9/23/2022

**Appealed By:** Five Points Healthcare of GA, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Home Health ("Aveanna Gwinnett"), 10/18/2022.

**Hearing Officer:** O. Wendell Horne, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**2023-009 Augusta Oncology Associates, P.C. d/b/a Augusta Oncology Multispecialty Clinic (Richmond)**

Establishment of Non-Special MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy Service – Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 6/16/2023

**Appealed By:** Augusta Oncology Associates, P.C., 7/17/2023. AU Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a AU Medical Center ("AUMC") files Request to Intervene, 7/14/2023. Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC d/b/a Doctors Hospital of Augusta ("Doctors") files Request to Intervene, 7/17/2023.

**Hearing Officer:** O. Wendell Horne, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**2023-011 University Cancer & Blood Center, LLC (Clarke)**

Addition of PET/CT Unit – Batching

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 6/16/2023

**Appealed By:** Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. ("Piedmont Athens"), 7/12/2023.

**Hearing Officer:** O. Wendell Horne, III, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** Pending

**2023-041 ProHealth Home Health-Georgia, LLC d/b/a ProHealth Home Health (Cobb)**

Establish Home Health Service in SSSR 3 - Batching

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 9/26/2023

**Appealed By:** ProHealth Home Health - Georgia, LLC d/b/a ProHealth Home Health - Marietta ("ProHealth"), 10/23/2023. Faith Medical Agency, LLC files Request to Intervene, 10/30/2023. Faith Medical Agency, LLC withdraws Request to Intervene, 11/9/2023.

**Hearing Officer:** Carl P. Dowling, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** N/A

**Hearing Decision:** Grants ProHealth's Motion for Summary Judgment and reverses the Department's 9/26/2023 decision to deny a CON to ProHealth, 5/15/2024. The Department files for Commissioner Review, 5/31/2024.

**Commissioner Review Decision:** Reverses Hearing Officer's 5/15/2024 Order that granted ProHealth's Motion for Summary Judgment and reversed the Department's decision to deny ProHealth a Certificate of Need, 6/28/2024. ProHealth files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Fulton County, 7/24/2024.

**Superior Court of Fulton County:** Denies ProHealth's Petition for Judicial Review and affirms Department's Final Order, 11/20/2024. ProHealth files Application for Discretionary Appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals, 12/19/2024.

**Court of Appeals:** Grants ProHealth's Application for Discretionary Appeal, 1/17/2025.

**2023-064 Piedmont Community Imaging, LLC d/b/a Piedmont Community Imaging at Marietta (Cobb)**

Establishment of Freestanding Imaging Center

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 2/27/2024

**Appealed By:** Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center ("Wellstar Kennestone"), 3/21/2024.

**Hearing Officer:** Ronald E. Daniels, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 8/5-8/2024, 9:30 A.M. / Remote Video Conference; 8/22/2024, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Affirms Department's decision to grant a Certificate of Need to Piedmont Community Imaging, LLC d/b/a Piedmont Community Imaging at Marietta, 11/7/2024. Wellstar Kennestone files Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Cobb County, 12/6/2024.

**Superior Court of Cobb County:** Pending

**2023-072 Bethlehem ASC, LLC (Barrow)**

Establishment of Ambulatory Surgery Center in HPA 4 – Batching

**Agency Decision:** Approved, 3/26/2024

**Appealed By:** Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC (“BSSC”), 4/24/2024. Gwinnett Advanced Surgery Center, LLC (“GASC”), 4/24/2024. Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett (“NHG”), 4/24/2024. Bethlehem ASC, LLC (“Bethlehem ASC”) files Request to Intervene, 4/24/2024.

**Hearing Officer:** Carl P. Dowling, Esq.

**Hearing Date:** 11/4-8/2024, 11/12/2024, 11/20/2024, 9:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

**Hearing Decision:** Affirms Department’s decision to grant a CON to Bethlehem ASC, 2/21/2025.

**2024-027 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC d/b/a American Health Imaging of Alpharetta**

New Imaging Center

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 2/24/2025

**Appealed By:** American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC d/b/a American Health Imaging of Alpharetta (“AHI of Alpharetta”), 2/26/2025. Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta (“Northside”) files Request to Intervene, 3/5/2025. Wellstar North Fulton Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar North Fulton Medical Center (“Wellstar North Fulton”) files Request to Intervene, 3/5/2025.

**Hearing Officer:** Pending

**Hearing Date:** Pending

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

**DET-EQT2024160 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC d/b/a American Health Imaging**

Replacement of Existing CT Scanner

**Request received:** 11/15/2024

**Contact Person:** Rebecca Thornhill

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/19/2025

**DET-EQT2024171 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical**

Wellstar Kennestone Acworth Health Park Imaging HOD CT Replacement

**Request received:** 11/26/2024

**Contact Person:** James Satcher

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/18/2025

**DET-EQT2024172 Cobb Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Cobb Medical Center**

HOD MRI Replacement

**Request received:** 11/26/2024

**Contact Person:** James Satcher

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/25/2025

**DET-EQT2024173 Dekalb Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Emory Decatur Hospital**

Acquisition of CT Scanner

**Request received:** 12/9/2024

**Contact Person:** Elliott L. Coward

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/4/2025

**DET-EQT2024174 Georgia Bone & Joint, LLC**

Relocation of Existing MRI Unit

**Request received:** 12/13/2024

**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/18/2025

**DET-EQT2024175 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta**

Acquisition of SPECT CT

**Request received:** 12/16/2024

**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/19/2025

**DET-EQT2024176 Advanced Urology Institute of Georgia, P.C.**



Acquisition of PET/CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 12/18/2024  
**Contact Person:** Joseph R. Ross  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024177 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc., d/b/a Atrium Health Floyd**  
AH Floyd EP Equipment  
**Request received:** 12/20/2024  
**Contact Person:** Drew Dempsey  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2024178 Open MRI of Tifton, LLC**  
Open MRI of Tifton LLC Request for Replacement of Existing MRI Unit  
**Request received:** 12/20/2024  
**Contact Person:** Rebecca M. Thornhill  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024179 University McDuffie County Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont**  
Acquisition of Mobile MRI  
**Request received:** 12/23/2024  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 2/17/2025

**DET-EQT2024180 Piedmont Newton Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newton Hospital**  
Acquisition of Fixed CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 12/23/2024  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 2/24/2025

**DET-EQT2024181 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital**  
PNH Mobile MRI  
**Request received:** 12/24/2024  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 2/25/2025

**DET-EQT2024182 Piedmont Henry Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Henry Hospital**  
Piedmont Henry Hospital Electrophysiology (EP) Lab Equipment  
**Request received:** 12/30/2024  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024183 Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Inc.**  
Replacement CT Unit  
**Request received:** 12/30/2024  
**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2024184 Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Rockdale Hospital**  
Piedmont Rockdale Hospital Fixed CT Scanner 2024  
**Request received:** 12/31/2024  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 3/11/2025

**DET-EQT2025001 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta**  
Acquisition of Mobile PET/CT Unit  
**Request received:** 1/3/2025  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed     **Determination Date:** 3/3/2025

**DET-EQT2025002 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.**  
Purchase Two Robotic Systems for NGMC Gainesville  
**Request received:** 1/14/2025  
**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2025003 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.**

Replace Robotic System in Braselton

**Request received:** 1/15/2025

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2025004 Tift Regional Health System, Inc. d/b/a Tift Regional Medical Center**

Acquire a da Vinci 5 Console System

**Request received:** 1/15/2025

**Contact Person:** Christopher K. Dorman

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025005 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.**

Replace Robotic System in Gainesville

**Request received:** 1/15/2025

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2025006 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc., Barrow**

Acquire an Intuitive Xi Surgical System from NGMC Gainesville to NGMC Barrow

**Request received:** 1/15/2025

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2025007 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc., Lumpkin**

Move Robotic System from Gainesville Campus to Lumpkin Campus

**Request received:** 1/15/2025

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed    **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET-EQT2025008 St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital, Inc.**

Acquisition of Wound Care Equipment

**Request received:** 1/20/2025

**Contact Person:** Regina Hooper

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025009 Floyd Healthcare Management Inc., d/b/a Atrium Health Floyd**

AHF Mobile CT

**Request received:** 1/22/2025

**Contact Person:** Drew Dempsey

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025010 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital**

Intuitive da Vinci 5

**Request received:** 1/24/2025

**Contact Person:** Heather Redrick

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025011 Redmond Park Hospital, LLC d/b/a AdventHealth Redmond Hospital**

Replacement of Electrophysiology Lab Equipment

**Request received:** 1/26/2025

**Contact Person:** Everette B. Jenkins

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025012 Prime Healthcare Foundation - Southern Regional, LLC**

Replacement of Hospital Based Existing MRI Unit

**Request received:** 1/28/2025

**Contact Person:** Ela Lena

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025013 Piedmont Walton Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Walton Hospital**

Acquisition of Fixed MRI

**Request received:** 1/29/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025014 American Oncology Partners, P.A.**

Acquisition of PET/CT Scanner

**Request received:** 1/31/2025

**Contact Person:** Guy Messer

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025015 Crisp Regional Hospital**

Acquisition of MRI

**Request received:** 1/31/2025

**Contact Person:** Michele Madison

**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/6/2025

**DET-EQT2025016 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital**

Replacement of Equipment - LINAC

**Request received:** 2/14/2025

**Contact Person:** Vicki Kaiser

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025017 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital**

Acquisition of Fixed IR Biplane

**Request received:** 2/19/2025

**Contact Person:** Elliott L. Coward

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025018 Columbus Cardiology Associates, LLC**

Acquisition of Fixed-Based Cardiac PET/CT Scanner

**Request received:** 2/20/2025

**Contact Person:** Everette B Jenkins

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025019 Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Athens**

Purchase of 2016 Siemens Artis Pheno Hybrid OR Equipment

**Request received:** 2/20/2025

**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025020 American Health Imaging of Georgia LLC d/b/a American Health Imaging**

Replacement of Existing MRI and CT Units

**Request received:** 2/26/2025

**Contact Person:** Rebecca Thornhill

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025022 Innovative Body Scan Physicians, LLC**

Acquisition of MRI and CT

**Request received:** 2/27/2025

**Contact Person:** Dan Silverboard

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025023 Georgia Spine and Orthopaedics**

Acquisition of MRI

**Request received:** 2/27/2025

**Contact Person:** Michele P. Madison, Esq.

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025024 Upson County Hospital, Inc. (dba Upson Regional Medical Center)**

Acquisition of Cardiac Catheterization Equipment

**Request received:** 3/3/2025

**Contact Person:** John Williams

**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025025 Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Mountainside**  
Relocation of Existing CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 3/4/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025026 Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a/ Piedmont Mountainside**  
Relocation of Existing CT Scanner and MRI  
**Request received:** 3/4/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025027 Eastside Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Piedmont Eastside Medical Center**  
Purchase Interventional System (IR) Suite Equipment  
**Request received:** 3/5/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025028 Eastside Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Piedmont Eastside Medical Center**  
Purchase CT Scanner  
**Request received:** 3/5/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025030 The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Inc. d/b/a The Medical Center,**  
CT Replacement  
**Request received:** 3/6/2025  
**Contact Person:** Kathryn MT Platt  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025031 The Medical Center of Peach County, Inc. d/b/a Atrium Health Navicent**  
CT Acquisition  
**Request received:** 3/6/2025  
**Contact Person:** Kathryn MT Platt  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025032 Columbus Hand Institute LLC**  
Acquisition of MRI  
**Request received:** 3/10/2025  
**Contact Person:** Jessica Slusser  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025034 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta**  
Acquisition of CT Simulator  
**Request received:** 3/11/2025  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-EQT2025035 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc.**  
CT Replacement  
**Request received:** 3/13/2025  
**Contact Person:** Kathryn MT Platt  
**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)*

**DET-ASC2024031 Augusta Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists, P.C.**  
Establish a Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgical Center  
**Site:** 2510 Associates Way, Ste 200, Evans, GA 30809

**Number of OR's:** 2                   **Specialty:** Orthopedics  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$3,100,000.00  
**Request received:** 12/4/2024  
**Contact Person:** Clifton Richards  
**Determination:** Approved                                   **Determination**                                   2/18/2025

**DET-ASC2025001 Macon Orthopaedic & Hand Center, P.A.**  
Establish a Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgical Center  
**Site:** 3051 Watson Blvd., Ste 800, Warner Robins, GA 31093  
**Number of OR's:** 2                   **Specialty:** Orthopaedics  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$0.00  
**Request received:** 1/10/2025  
**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET-ASC2025002 Georgia Urology, P.A.**  
Establish a Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgical Center  
**Site:** 1336 Hwy 54, Bldg 300, Fayetteville, GA 30214  
**Number of OR's:** 2                   **Specialty:** Urology  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$3,236,375.00  
**Request received:** 1/22/2025  
**Contact Person:** Dan Fellner  
**Determination:** Pending

## **Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination**

**DET2024177 Genesis Birth Concepts**  
Women's Clinic/Freestanding Birth Center  
**Request received:** 7/22/2024  
**Contact Person:** Lynette Allen-Pye  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 3/3/2025

**DET2024217 Canterbury Court, Inc.**  
Request for Sheltered Bed Conversion  
**Request received:** 10/10/2024  
**Contact Person:** Elizabeth Woltzen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 3/4/2025

**DET2024233 Arthur M. Blank Hospital, Inc.**  
Performance of PA Reconstructive Procedures in Hybrid Cath Labs  
**Request received:** 11/25/2024  
**Contact Person:** David Fenstermacher, Jr.  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 2/24/2025

**DET2024234 Atlanta Surgery Center, Ltd. d/b/a Atlanta Outpatient Surgery Center**  
Relocation of CON-Authorized Multi-Specialty Ambulatory Surgery  
**Request received:** 12/2/2024  
**Contact Person:** John W. Ray, Jr.  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2024240 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Forsyth**  
Expansion of Bed Capacity  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 2/17/2025

**DET2024241 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Forsyth**  
Capital Expenditure Below Threshold  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed   **Determination Date:** 2/17/2025

**DET2024242 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc., d/b/a Atrium Health Floyd**  
Atrium Health Floyd 3rd Floor Renovation  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Drew Dempsey  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/11/2025

**DET2024243 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a/ Northside Hospital Forsyth**  
Renovation of OR Lighting  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/17/2025

**DET2024244 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Atlanta**  
Cystoscopy Renovation  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/11/2025

**DET2024245 Health Systems Real Estate, Inc.**  
Addition and Renovation of Existing Skilled Nursing Center  
**Request received:** 12/16/2024  
**Contact Person:** Ronnie D. Rollins  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2024246 Middle Georgia Midwives**  
Establishment of Birthing Center  
**Request received:** 12/18/2024  
**Contact Person:** Ashley Amos, CNM  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2024247 Houston Hospitals, Inc. d/b/a Houston Healthcare**  
Bulk Oxygen Tank Replacement  
**Request received:** 12/18/2024  
**Contact Person:** David S. Levitt  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2024248 Ashton Woods Healthcare Properties, Inc.**  
Renovations to an Existing CON-Authorized Skilled Nursing Facility  
**Request received:** 12/20/2024  
**Contact Person:** Connor Seim  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/18/2025

**DET2024250 Atlanta Spine Surgery Center, LLC**  
Use of CON-Exempt ASC by Non-Employed Surgeons of Same Specialty  
**Request received:** 12/23/2024  
**Contact Person:** Kimberly Ford  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2024251 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a/ Northside Hospital Cherokee**  
Replacement of CON-Exempt Cardiac Cath Equipment  
**Request received:** 12/26/2024  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 2/18/2025

**DET2025001 Parkside at Ivy Hall LLC**  
Relocation of Skilled Nursing Facility  
**Request received:** 1/2/2025  
**Contact Person:** Marty Chafin  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025002 Walker Alzheimer's Investors, LLC**  
Construction of Personal Care Home for Assisted Living Services  
**Request received:** 1/8/2025

**Contact Person:** Franklin Farrow  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025003 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC d/b/a Doctors Hospital of Augusta**  
Revised Project Costs for CON Approved Project GA 2020-002  
**Request received:** 1/13/2025  
**Contact Person:** Angela Taylor  
**Determination:** Withdr/Appl Prior to Dec  
**Date of Withdrawal:** 2/25/2025

**DET2025005 Magnolia Senior Living @ Hiwassee LLC**  
Establishment of Assisted Living Facility  
**Request received:** 1/16/2025  
**Contact Person:** Zhicong Chen  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/16/2025

**DET2025006 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a NGMC Barrow**  
Renovation of Existing Hospital Space  
**Request received:** 1/17/2025  
**Contact Person:** Linda Berger  
**Determination:** Non-reviewable as proposed      **Determination Date:** 3/17/2025

**DET2025007 Legacy Center for Spinal Surgery, LLC**  
Allow Outpatient Privileges to Non-Affiliated Surgeons and Physicians  
**Request received:** 1/25/2025  
**Contact Person:** Everette B Jenkins  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025008 Legacy Center for Spinal Surgery - Riverdale, LLC**  
Allow Non-Affiliated Surgeons and Physicians to Use ASC  
**Request received:** 1/25/2025  
**Contact Person:** Everette B Jenkins  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025009 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Cherokee**  
Renovations for Pulmonary Procedure Room  
**Request received:** 1/27/2025  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025010 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc.**  
Replacement of Cath Lab  
**Request received:** 1/29/2025  
**Contact Person:** Kathryn MT Platt  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025011 AGA, LLC**  
Performance of Procedures by Physicians  
**Request received:** 2/12/2025  
**Contact Person:** John W. Ray, Jr.  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025012 Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Athens**  
Request to Construct Three Operating Rooms  
**Request received:** 2/24/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025013 MCLCG, Inc.**  
Establishment of Hospital  
**Request received:** 2/24/2025  
**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025014 Burke Hospital Company d/b/a Burke Health**

Capital Expenditure for Operating Room Bed Conversion

**Request received:** 2/25/2025

**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025015 Burke Hospital Company d/b/a Burke Health**

OR Renovation

**Request received:** 2/25/2025

**Contact Person:** Victor Moldovan

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025016 Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC d/b/a Doctors Hospital of Augusta**

Modification to Project Scope of GA 2023-028

**Request received:** 2/26/2025

**Contact Person:** Angela Taylor

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025017 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc.**

Increase in Bed Capacity

**Request received:** 2/26/2025

**Contact Person:** Brad Trower

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025018 Northeast Georgia Rehab Hospital, LLC**

Transitional Operation of Decommissioning CIPR program

**Request received:** 2/28/2025

**Contact Person:** Linda Berger

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025020 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System**

Establish Outpatient Clinic

**Request received:** 3/4/2025

**Contact Person:** Mike McCarthy

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025021 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System**

Establish Outpatient Clinic

**Request received:** 3/4/2025

**Contact Person:** Mike McCarthy

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025022 Canterbury Court, Inc.**

Waiver for Assisted Living Beds

**Request received:** 3/7/2025

**Contact Person:** Elizabeth Woltzen

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025023 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital**

EUH DET Request for AAG Expansion

**Request received:** 3/7/2025

**Contact Person:** Zeljka Matasic

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025024 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital**

EUH DET Request for 5BN Renovation

**Request received:** 3/7/2025

**Contact Person:** Zeljka Matasic

**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025025 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital**

Renovate and Expand Existing Kitchen



**Request received:** 3/13/2025  
**Contact Person:** Christine MacEwen  
**Determination:** Pending

**DET2025026 Floyd Healthcare Management, Inc., d/b/a Atrium Health Floyd**  
AHF Lab Renovation DET  
**Request received:** 3/13/2025  
**Contact Person:** Drew Dempsey  
**Determination:** Pending

## Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

**2021056 CHI Memorial Hospital-Georgia, Inc. d/b/a CHI Memorial Hospital-Georgia**  
Construct Replacement Facility  
Request to Extend Completion Period  
**Site:** 4710 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold (Catoosa)  
**Project Approved:** 4/29/2022  
**Request Received:** 2/25/2025  
**Contact:** Andrew McGill, Sr VP Strategy & Business Development (423-595-0554)  
**Approved Cost:** \$134,521,961  
**Determination:** Pending

**2022026 Piedmont Healthcare Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Athens, LLC**  
Establish a Forty (40) Bed Adult CIPR Hospital  
Request to Extend Completion Period  
**Site:** 1080 Norris Drive, Bogart (Oconee)  
**Project Approved:** 9/23/2022  
**Request Received:** 2/28/2025  
**Contact:** Carey B. McRae, SVP, Encompass Health (205-970-3442)  
**Approved Cost:** \$50,128,601  
**Determination:** Pending

## Need Projection Analyses Posted **12/31/2024**

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

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

2029 Non-Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 12/31/2024

2029 PET Need Projection – Posted 12/31/2024

2029 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA– Posted 10/1/2024

2029 Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Need Projections – Posted 10/1/2024

2029 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 10/1/2024

2029 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 12/31/2024

2029 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 10/1/2024

2027 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 10/1/2024

2027 Home Health Agency Services Need Projection - Posted 10/1/2024

#### Non-Batched Need Projections

2028 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 1/5/2024

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 <https://www.georgiahealthdata.info>.

## **NEW CERTIFICATE OF NEED FILING REQUIREMENTS**

Effective June 17, 2022, the updated Georgia CON Application Form, available at <https://dch.georgia.gov/con-applications-and-forms>, must be used to submit a request for a Certificate of Need.

### **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 application must be separated by **dividing sheets** upon submission to 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 Batching Cycles and the related services, generally, 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 12/31/2024 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 or facilities for which there is no specified batching cycle, or other applicable rule, may be filed at any time.

[Positron Emission Tomography](#)

[MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy](#)

[Pediatric Cath/Open Heart](#)

[Adult Open Heart](#)

[Birthing Centers](#)

[Psych/Substance Abuse](#)

[Neonatal Intensive Care](#)

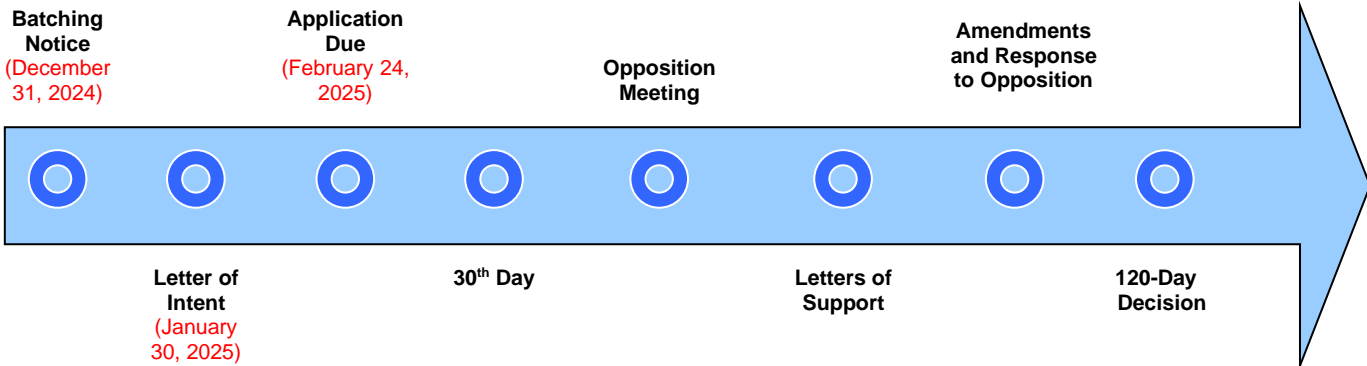
Need Projections can be found on the [“OHP Need Projections” Page](#)

# BATCHED APPLICATIONS

## SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Notice of the specific deadlines for each review activity will be provided for each application.

### WINTER CYCLE



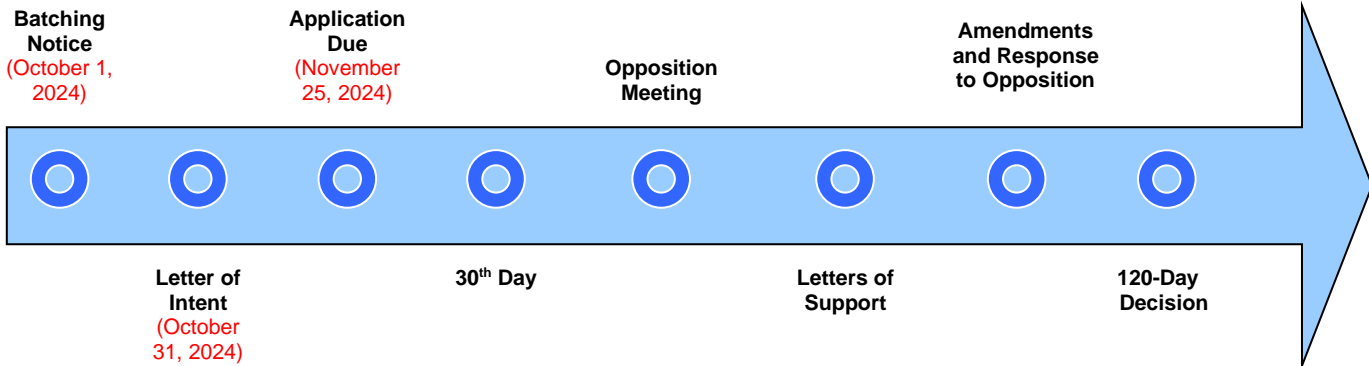
- ▶ **Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent is due**
- ▶ **Letter of Intent received by Department 25 days before application is submitted**
- ▶ **Applications submitted; review cycle begins**
- ▶ **30<sup>th</sup> Day; deadline for receipt of opposition notice(s)**
- ▶ **Opposition Meeting; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented to the Department and to the applicant; presentation time will be limited.**
- ▶ **Applicant submits letters of support to the Department**
- ▶ **Applicant provides amended information, a written response to opposition and a written response to the Department's inquiries subsequent to the opposition meeting, if applicable.**
- ▶ **120-Day Decision issued (No discretion to extend review cycle)**

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Notice of the specific deadlines for each review activity will be provided for each application.

### FALL CYCLE

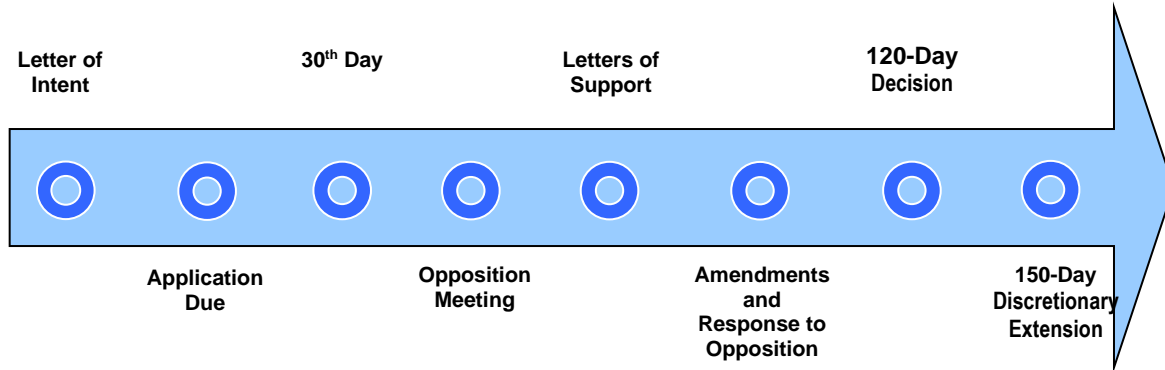


- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent is due
- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 25 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Applications submitted; review cycle begins
- ▶ 30<sup>th</sup> Day; deadline for receipt of opposition notice(s)
- ▶ Opposition Meeting; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented to the Department and to the applicant; presentation time will be limited.
- ▶ Applicant submits letters of support to the Department
- ▶ Applicant provides amended information, a written response to opposition and a written response to the Department's inquiries subsequent to the opposition meeting, if applicable.
- ▶ 120-Day Decision issued (No discretion to extend review cycle)

# NON-BATCHED APPLICATIONS

## SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Notice of the specific deadlines for each review activity will be provided for each application.



- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 25 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Application submitted; review cycle begins
- ▶ 30<sup>th</sup> Day; deadline for receipt of opposition notice(s)
- ▶ Opposition Meeting; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented to the Department and to the applicant; presentation time will be limited.
- ▶ Applicant submits letters of support to the Department.
- ▶ Applicant provides amended information, a written response to opposition and a written response to the Department's inquiries subsequent to the opposition meeting, if applicable.
- ▶ 120-day Decision issued (Department has discretion to extend review cycle to 150 days).

## Office of Health Planning Contact Information

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Georgia Department of Community Health, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 16th Floor,  
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([klaing@dch.ga.gov](mailto:klaing@dch.ga.gov))

For questions concerning pending Certificate of Need applications please contact Bruce  
Henderson, Compliance Specialist Supervisor  
([bhenderson@dch.ga.gov](mailto: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](mailto:steve.cappel@dch.ga.gov))

For all other CON-related questions, please email [OHP.Help@dch.ga.gov](mailto:OHP.Help@dch.ga.gov).

## Letters of Determination, generally

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 will be accepted only on the applicable form 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 contact Steve Cappel, Data Manager, at [steve.cappel@dch.gov](mailto:steve.cappel@dch.gov). 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:

<https://dch.georgia.gov/divisionsoffices/office-health-planning/certificate-need-con>

The ORR Form found there should be emailed to [HealthPlanningInfo@dch.ga.gov](mailto: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, generally

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.

## DET-ASC Requests

**Effective March 14, 2022**, the Ambulatory Surgical Center Determination Form available at <https://dch.georgia.gov/con-applications-and-forms> must be used to submit a request for a letter of determination for the establishment of an ambulatory surgical center (DET-ASC, formerly request for letter of non-reviewability for establishment of an ambulatory surgical center (LNR-ASC)).

### CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPEAL PANEL

David C. Will  
(Chair, appointed on December 21, 2023)

William C. Joy  
(Reappointed on January 28, 2021)

Carl P. Dowling  
(Appointed on February 22, 2023)

Ronald E. Daniels  
(Appointed on September 5, 2023)

Oliver Wendell Horne, III  
(Appointed on December 21, 2023)

## NOTICE REGARDING HB 1339

HB 1339, which revises the Certificate of Need (CON) process and adds several new exemptions, was signed by Governor Kemp on April 19, 2024. Beginning on July 1, 2024, the Office of Health Planning will accept requests for letters of determination for the new exemptions. A request for a letter of determination must also be submitted for any activity which is believed to be excluded from review prior to its implementation. Updated request forms will be available for use on July 1, 2024.

While the Office of Health Planning cannot give legal advice, general CON-related questions or inquiries, may be sent to: [OHP.Help@dch.ga.gov](mailto:OHP.Help@dch.ga.gov).

More information on HB 1339 is available here: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/67221>

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO REQUESTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

Effective September 1, 2022, all requests for an initial administrative appeal hearing or to intervene in such a hearing, related documents and filings must be submitted electronically through the Office of Health Planning's web portal. The Office of Health Planning is longer accepting in-person filings. Please refer to the Notice Related to Electronic Filings below.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO ELECTRONIC FILINGS

Effective March 31, 2022, all *Office of Health Planning* applications and requests must be submitted electronically through our web portal. 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 16th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30334**

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO RECENTLY ADOPTED RULES

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Community Health and implemented by the Georgia Secretary of State, effective December 30, 2024.

111-2-1-.02 Health Planning Functions of the Department

The above may be accessed here: <https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/111-2-1>

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Community Health and implemented by the Georgia Secretary of State, effective January 13, 2025.

111-2-2 Health Planning, Certificate of Need

The above may be accessed here: <https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/111-2-2>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATED TO FILING FEE**

Effective January 13, 2025, amendments to Ga. Comp Rules & Regs. r. 111-2-2 increased the filing fee for all determination requests from \$250 to \$500. The amended rules may be accessed here:

<https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/111-2-2>