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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Letters of Intent

none

Letters of Intent – Batching

Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services

LOI2020026 Vest Monroe, LLC

Additional 23 Adult Psychiatric/Substance Abuse Beds - Batching

Received: 7/22/2020 Application must be submitted on: 8/21/2020 by 12:00 PM

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

Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000

LOI2020027 Riverwoods Behavioral Health

Additional 10 Beds in the Psychiatric/Substance Abuse Hospital - Batching

Received: 7/22/2020 Application must be submitted on: 8/21/2020 by 12:00 PM

Site: 223 Medical Center Drive, Riverdale, GA 30274 (Clayton County)

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

LOI2020028 Education System Management, Inc

Seeking PRTF Designation with a Substance Abuse Specialty for Adolescents - Batching

Received: 7/22/2020 Application must be submitted on: 8/21/2020 by 12:00 PM

Site: 125 High 138 SE, Riverdale, GA 30274 (Clayton County)

Estimated Cost: \$0

Expired Letters of Intent

none

Withdrawn CON Applications

none

New CON Applications

none

Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

2020-030 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Forsyth County

Cost Overrun for CON2014-028

Filed: 7/13/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 7/27/2020

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

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

Estimated Cost: \$33,000,000

Pending Review/Complete Applications

2020-025 United Imaging Center of Buckhead, LLC

OPPOSITION FILED

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

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

OPPOSITION FILED

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
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

OPPOSITION FILED

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
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

OPPOSITION FILED

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
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

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

Recently Approved Applications

2020-020 University Hospital

OPPOSITION FILED

Establish a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility
Filed: 3/4/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 03/17/2020 Deemed Complete: 3/24/2020
60th Day Deadline: 5/22/2020
Decision Deadline: 7/21/2020
APPROVED: 7/21/2020
Site: 4200 University Parkway, Evans, GA 30809 (Columbia County)
Contact: Edward L. Burr, Chief Administrative Officer 706-774-8063
Estimated Cost: \$12,600,000

2020-021 Northeast Georgia Medical Center- Main Campus

Add a Shared Inpatient/Outpatient Endovascular Operating Room Suite
Filed: 3/9/2020 Deemed Complete: 3/23/2020
60th Day Deadline: 5/21/2020
Decision Deadline: 7/20/2020
APPROVED: 7/20/2020
Site: 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)
Contact: Linda Berger Director of Planning 770-219-6631
Estimated Cost: \$9,190,566

2020-022 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Cartersville Medical Center

CMC Proposes to Expand and add 20 Short-stay General Hospital Beds to its North Tower

Filed: 3/11/2020 Deemed Incomplete: 3/24/2020 Deemed Complete: 3/30/2020

60th Day Deadline: 5/28/2020

Decision Deadline: 7/27/2020

APPROVED: 7/27/2020

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

Contact: Lori Rakes, COO 770-387-8181

Estimated Cost: \$29,797,414

2020-023 AU Medical Center, Inc

OPPOSITION FILED

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

Filed: 3/20/2020 Deemed Complete: 3/31/2020

60th Day Deadline: 5/29/2020

Decision Deadline: 7/28/2020

APPROVED: 7/28/2020

Site: Knob Hill Farm Road and Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30912 (Richmond County)

Contact: Jennifer Miller VP Strategic Planning 706-446-5132

Estimated Cost: \$14,975,548

2020-024 Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Additional 27 Emergency Exam Rooms and 30- Bed Observation Unit

Filed: 3/30/2020 Deemed Complete: 4/13/2020

60th Day Deadline: 6/11/2020

Decision Deadline: 8/10/2020

APPROVED: 8/10/2020

Site: 1000 Medical Center Boulevard, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (Gwinnett County)

Contact: Jeffrey Stofko 678-312-3310

Estimated Cost: \$57,000,000

Recently Denied Applications

none

Appealed Determinations

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

Agency Decision: Denied on 2/24/2016.

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

Hearing Officer: Ellwood F. Oakley III, Esq.

Hearing Date: 6/15/2017.

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

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

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

Court of Appeals: Court of Appeals reversed the order of the superior court granting Emory’s petition for judicial review, 6/28/2019. Emory files Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Georgia Supreme Court, 7/18/2019. The Supreme Court denied the petition for certiorari, 2/28/2020.

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: Pending

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. / 5th Floor

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.

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

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.

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 Decision: 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 Decision: 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.

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; 8/24/2020, 9:30 A.M. / 5th Floor

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

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

Agency Decision: Denied, 3/25/2019

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

Candler Hospital, Inc. ("Candler") files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 4/24/2018 and withdraws its request to intervene on 8/30/2019.

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

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

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to deny a CON to Memorial, 1/7/2020. Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center ("Memorial") appeals the Hearing Officer's Decision, 2/5/2020.

Commissioner Review Decision: Hearing Officer Decision is Reversed, 3/6/2020.

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

Megavoltage Radiation Therapy-Batching

Agency Decision: Denied, 6/18/2019

Appealed By: Northside Hospital, Inc., 7/17/2019, Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Main Campus files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/18/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Oncology Center-Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; RCOG Cancer Centers, LLC d/b/a Gwinnett County Radiation Therapy Center—Snellville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019; Vantage Cancer Centers of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Vantage Oncology Cancer Center at Lawrenceville files request to intervene in Appeal Hearing, 7/17/2019. Northside withdraws appeal of their 6/18/2019 denial, 4/22/2020. Order of dismissal issued by Hearing Officer, 4/22/2020

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq

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, 10:00 A.M. / Remote Video Conference

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. / 5th Floor

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: Pending

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: Pending

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: Pending

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: Pending

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: Pending

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"), 8/17/2020.

Hearing Officer: Pending

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-EQT2020041 Albany Bone & Joint Clinic, P.C. d/b/a Orthopedic Associates

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 5/26/2020

Contact Person: Cheryl Boyles 229-903-3450

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/24/2020

DET-EQT2020042 Upson County Hospital, Inc.

Purchase Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 6/10/2020
Contact Person: John Williams
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET-EQT2020043 Sports Medicine South of Gwinnett, LLC

Purchase Fixed MRI
Request received: 7/1/2020
Contact Person: Kaylee Rosenberger
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020044 Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Children's Healthcare of

Purchase Nuclear Medicine Camera
Request received: 7/15/2020
Contact Person: David R. Tatum
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020045 Ortho Sport and Spine Physicians

Purchase Fixed MRI
Request received: 7/17/2020
Contact Person: Sean Bajnath
Determination: Pending

DET-EQT2020046 The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown

Purchase Surgical Robot
Request received: 7/20/2020
Contact Person: Christine MacEwen
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: Pending

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

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-ASC2020007 Lunate Surgery Center, LLC

Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC
Site: 6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Suites 210 and 230 Atlanta, GA 30328
Number of ORs: 1 **Specialty:** Ambulatory Surgery Center
Project costs as submitted: \$728,662

Request received: 7/1/2020
Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross 912-232-7182
Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2020008 Georgia Vascular and Vein Center, LLC
Physician-Owned, Single Specialty ASC
Site: 2685 Peachtree Pkwy, Suite 340 Suwanee, GA 30024
Number of ORs: 1 **Specialty:** Ambulatory Surgery Center
Project costs as submitted: 0
Request received: 7/2/2020
Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt 404-728-1974
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: Pending

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

DET2020113 Adventist Health System Georgia, Inc. d/b/a AdventHealth Gordon
PCI Application
Request received: 5/13/2020 **Challenge Received:** 6/11/2020
Contact Person: Eric Henderson
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/15/2020
Opposition: Hamilton Medical Center- 6/11/2020

DET2020136 Northside Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Development of Below Threshold Modular Observation Unit
Request received: 5/22/2020
Contact Person: Brian Toporek
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/20/2020

DET2020137 At Home Senior Living of Jesup, LLC
Assisted Living Facility
Request received: 5/27/2020
Contact Person: Tammy Viviani 478-717-1574
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/27/2020

DET2020138 Piedmont Hospital Inc., d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital
Organ Recovery Program
Request received: 6/1/2020
Contact Person: Christine MacEwen 404-605-2233
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/11/2020

DET2020139 Southeast Georgia Health System, Inc. d/b/a SGHS-Camden Campus
Replacement of mobile PET/CT equipment
Request received: 6/1/2020
Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt (912) 466-7090
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/30/2020

DET2020140 Solomon - Woodstock, LLC
ALC License
Request received: 6/1/2020
Contact Person: Fratina Boatman 216-860-6707

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 7/30/2020

DET2020144 PT Hills Place Terraces, LLC

10 PCH Beds

Request received: 6/9/2020

Contact Person: Kathryn MT Platt

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/7/2020

DET2020145 Houston Hospitals, Inc d/b/a Houston Medical Center

Houston Medical Center OR Expansion

Request received: 6/10/2020

Contact Person: Mindy Hartley

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET2020147 Numed, Inc. on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Health Plan Georgia Region

Addition of a PET/CT System and Services

Request received: 6/11/2020

Contact Person: Jack Allen

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET2020148 Alliance HealthCare Services

Replace grandfathered mobile PET/CT Unit

Request received: 6/11/2020

Contact Person: Dorothy H. Cornwell

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET2020149 ES Rehabilitation, LLC d/b/a Emory Rehabilitation Hospital

Increase of Ten Beds

Request received: 6/12/2020

Contact Person: Eric Garrard, CEO

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET2020150 Winthrop Manor Nursing Home, LLC dba Winthrop Health & Rehab

Renovation of Skilled Nursing Center

Request received: 6/12/2020

Contact Person: Teresa Moody

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/10/2020

DET2020151 Hamilton Medical Center, Inc.

Dialysis Determination Request

Request received: 6/16/2020

Contact Person: Danny Wright

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/14/2020

DET2020152 Oaks Senior Living, LLC

Manage Assisted Living Community

Request received: 6/23/2020

Contact Person: Alex Salabarria

Determination: Pending

DET2020153 Oaks Senior Living LLC

Manage Assisted Living Community

Request received: 6/23/2020

Contact Person: Alex Salabarria

Determination: Pending

DET2020154 Parkside Operation LLC

New Construction

Request received: 6/29/2020

Contact Person: Jason Blalock

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 8/18/2020

DET2020155 Hamilton Ambulatory Surgery Center, Inc.

ASC Boiler System Replacement
Request received: 7/1/2020
Contact Person: Danny Wright
Determination: Pending

DET2020156 Cedar Communities at Commerce, LLC
Bed Increase
Request received: 7/1/2020
Contact Person: Charmaine Mech
Determination: Pending

DET2020157 Piedmont Hospital Newnan, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital
CV Services and Physician Office Space
Request received: 7/6/2020
Contact Person: Christine MacEwen
Determination: Pending

DET2020158 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital
Construct four new ICU beds
Request received: 7/7/2020
Contact Person: Laurie Hansen
Determination: Pending

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: Pending

DET2020161 Greene County Health Care, LLC dba Greene Point Health and Rehabilitation
Relocate 50 SNF Beds within the Same County
Request received: 7/15/2020
Contact Person: Kimberly F. Sheffield
Determination: Pending

DET2020162 Candler Hospital, Inc
Renovate Cytology Lab
Request received: 7/15/2020
Contact Person: Brad Trower
Determination: Pending

DET2020163 Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center
Decoupling of Hospital Licenses
Request received: 7/15/2020
Contact Person: April Austin
Determination: Pending

DET2020164 BUS1818LIG, LLC
Establishment of Assisted Living and Memory Care Community
Request received: 7/23/2020
Contact Person: Laura Blakeman
Determination: Pending

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: Pending

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: Pending

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: Pending

DET2020171 University Cancer & Blood Center

Replacement of Linear Accelerator

Request received: 8/3/2020

Contact Person: Kerry Clark

Determination: Pending

DET2020172 Piedmont Rockdale Hospital Inc., d/b/a Piedmont Rockdale Hospital

Piedmont Rockdale Hospital Bed Expansion

Request received: 8/4/2020

Contact Person: Christine MacEwen

Determination: Pending

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: Pending

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

Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

2018036 Cartersville Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Cartersville Medical Center

Consolidation, Expansion, Renovation of Cardiac Services

Request to Extend Completion Date

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

Project Approved: 11/21/2018
Request Received: 6/8/2020
Contact: Lori Rakes, COO (770-387-8181)
Approved Cost: \$4,054,336
Determination: Approved, 8/6/2020

Extended Mandatory Completion: August 15, 2020

2018066 Doctors Hospital of Augusta

Expansion of Joseph M Still Burn Center
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 3651 Wheeler Road, Augusta (Richmond)
Project Approved: 3/8/2019
Request Received: 6/16/2020
Contact: Terry T. Treadwell (706-651-6101)
Approved Cost: \$78,097,000
Determination: Pending

2019003 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Renovation and Expansion of Labor and Delivery Area
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 6325 Hospital Parkway, Johns Creek (Fulton)
Project Approved: 5/24/2019
Request Received: 6/19/2020
Contact: Laurie Hansen, VP, Operations (678-474-7012)
Approved Cost: \$4,500,000
Determination: Approved, 7/22/2020

Extended Mandatory Completion: October 31, 2020

2013037 Devi Manor Home for Life, LLC

Development of a 252-bed Skilled Nursing Facility – Batching
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 6095 Pine Mountain Road, Bldg 200, Kennesaw (Cobb)
Project Approved: 9/24/2013
Request Received: 6/22/2020
Contact: Harshad Patel, PhD, President and CEO (732-319-3055)
Approved Cost: \$56,531,000
Determination: Pending

2017053 Oaks at Limestone

Nursing Home Renovation Expenditures in Excess of 2017 Threshold Amount
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 2560 Flintridge Road, Gainesville (Hall)
Project Approved: 1/29/2018
Request Received: 7/1/2020
Contact: Aneel Gill, Exec. Dir./Planning & Dev. (678-533-6699)
Approved Cost: \$8,950,000
Determination: Approved, 7/22/2020

Extended Mandatory Completion: November 1, 2020

2018017 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Center

Cost Overrun for CON 2014-040
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah (Chatham)
Project Approved: 8/17/2018
Request Received: 7/20/2020
Contact: Matthew Hasbrouck, COO (912-350-8519)
Approved Cost: \$35,558,878
Determination: Pending

2018064 Savannah Health Services, LLC dba Memorial Health University Medical Center

Purchase a 1.5 MRI Unit
Request to Extend Completion Date
Site: 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah (Chatham)
Project Approved: 3/8/2019
Request Received: 7/20/2020
Contact: Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO (912-350-8519)
Approved Cost: \$5,880,900

Determination: Pending

2017035 University Hospital

Renovation of Hospital's Sixth Floor

Request to Extend Completion Date

Site: 1350 Walton Way, Augusta (Richmond)

Project Approved: 12/19/2017

Request Received: 8/14/2020

Contact: Edward L. Burr, VP, Legal Affairs (706-774-4500)

Approved Cost: \$5,131,973

Determination: Pending

2018053 Stephens County Hospital

Establish 12-Bed Acute Adult Psych Program- Batching

Request to Extend Completion Date

Site: 163 Hospital Drive, Toccoa (Stephens)

Project Approved: 12/20/2018

Request Received: 8/17/2020

Contact: Michael Hester, CEO (706-282-5841)

Approved Cost: \$1,140,000

Determination: Pending

Need Projection Analyses Posted 6/22/2020

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

2024 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA– Posted 3/27/2020

2024 Rehab Need Projection– Posted 3/27/2020

2024 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 3/27/2020

2024 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 3/27/2020

2024 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 3/27/2020

2022 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 3/27/2020

2022 Home Health Agency Need Projections - Posted 3/27/2020

Non-Batched Need Projections

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

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

Non-Filed or Incomplete Office of Health Planning Facility Surveys

Required Annual Surveys are available to individual facilities for completion and submission to the Department at www.georgiahealthdata.info.

A listing of complete and incomplete surveys separated by service and by year may be found at www.GaMap2Care.info.

Indigent and Charity Care Shortfalls

Facilities with Indigent and Charity Care Commitment Shortfalls for Most Recent 3 Years (Commitment status as of (8/18/2020))

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 6/22/2020 on DCH Website* **Summer Batching Review Cycle Notifications**

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

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

[Positron Emission Tomography](#)

[MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy](#)

[Pediatric Cath/Open Heart](#)

[Adult Open Heart](#)

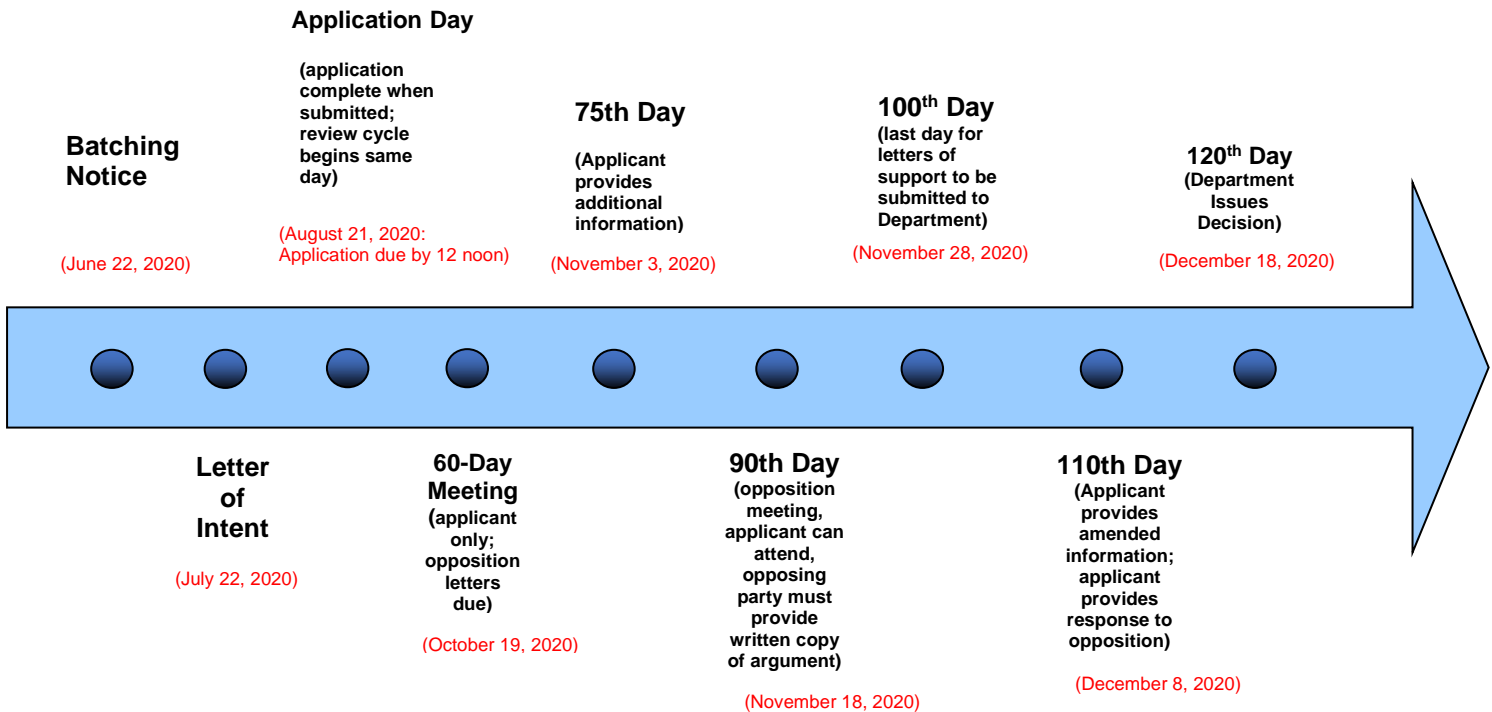
[Birthing Centers](#)

[Psych/Substance Abuse](#)

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

BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

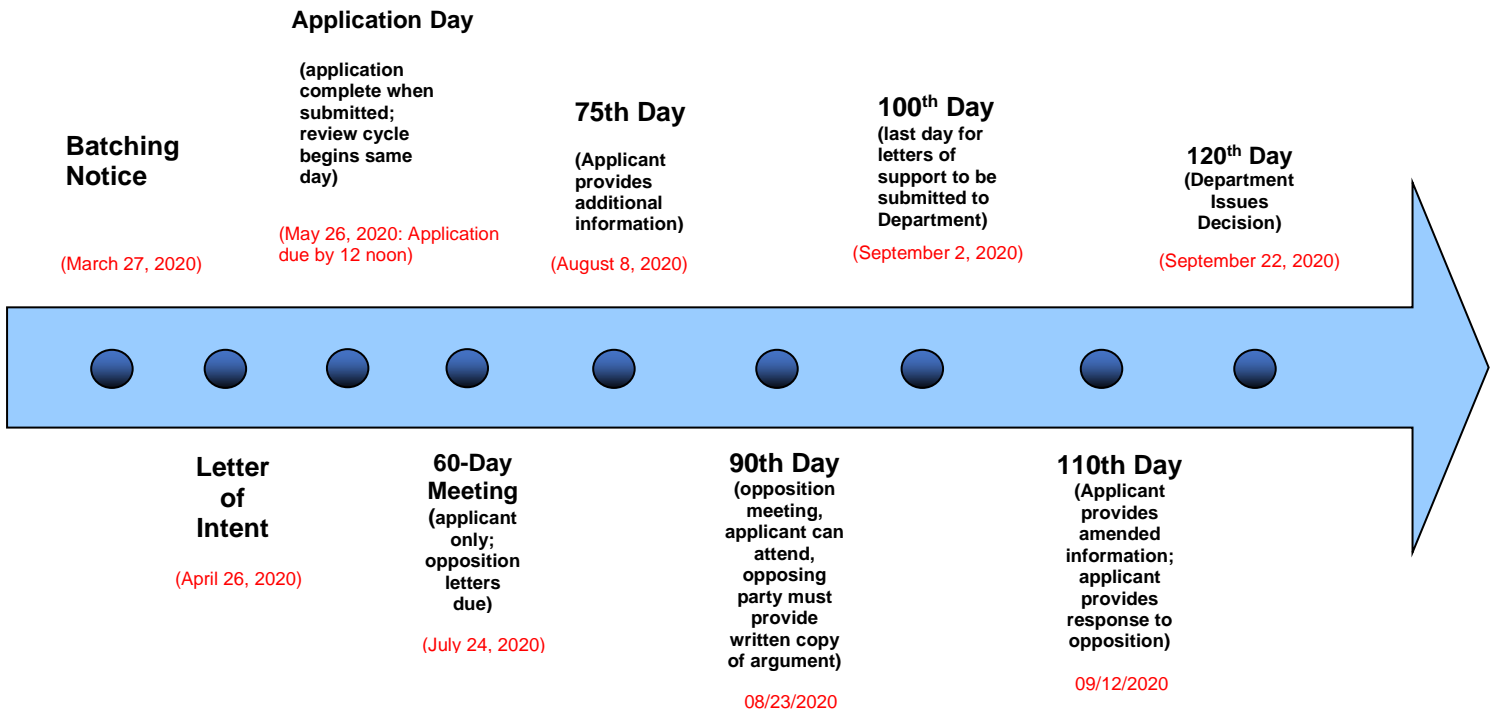
SUMMER CYCLE



- ▶ 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)

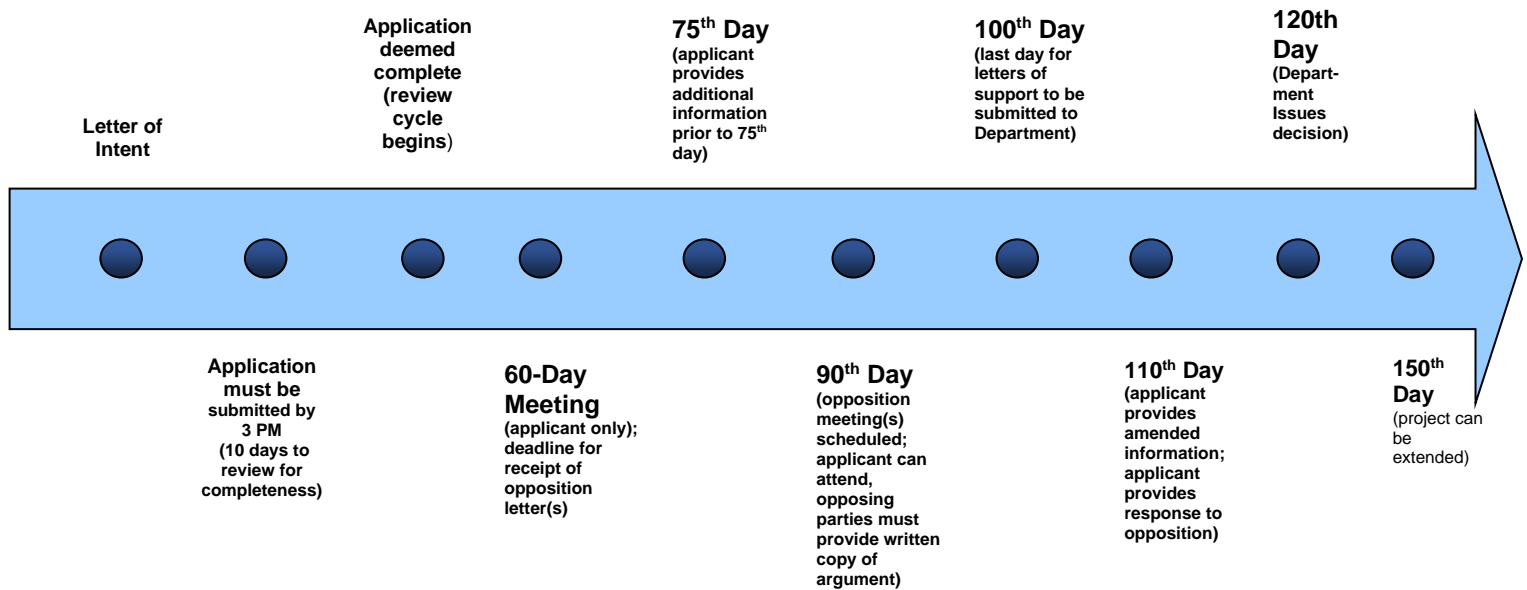
BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

SPRING 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.
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- ▶ 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>