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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Matthew Jarrard, Deputy Division Chief/Health Planning Director

Healthcare Facility Regulation Division

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

On July 1, 2014, the following CON thresholds become effective:

Category	Thresholds Effective 7/1/2014
Capital Expenditures, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40(a)(2)	\$ 2,758,440
Single-Specialty Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(18	8) \$ 2,758,440
Joint Venture Ambulatory Surgery Centers, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-47(a)(19)	\$ 5,516,880
Equipment, O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40(a)(3)	\$ 1,177,583

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

2012 Private Fixed Investment Index – Revised June 25, 2014	102.541
2013 Private Fixed Investment Index – Revised June 25, 2014	106.726
Annual Percent Change, Cumulative 2012 to 2013	4.081%

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40(a)(3), calculation of the CON Equipment threshold is made using the annual percentage of change in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the preceding calendar year. These calculations are shown below:

2012 Consumer Price Index – Medical Care Commodities – Extracted June 29, 2014	333.609
2013 Consumer Price Index – Medical Care Commodities – Extracted June 29, 2014	335.109
Annual Percent Change, Cumulative 2012 to 2013	4.500%

	Equipment
CON Threshold, July 1, 2013	\$1,126,874
4.500% Increase Due to CPI	\$50,709.33
CON Threshold, July 1, 2014	\$1,177,583

Sources

Private Fixed Investment in Structures - United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income and Product Accounts, Private Fixed Investment in Structures by Type Index (Table 5.4.4U), Revised June 25, 2014.

Consumer Price Index - United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Medical Care Commodities (Series CUUR0000SAM1), Extracted June 29, 2014.

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