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Letters of Intent

LOI2017092 Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital

Purchase of a 1.5T MRI Scanner and Construction of a MRI Suite

Received: 12/29/2017

Application must be submitted on: 1/29/2018

Site: 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

Expired Letters of Intent

none

New CON Applications

2018-001 Floyd Healthcare Properties, Inc.; PruittHealth-Rome

Renovation and Expansion to Add over 22,000 Square Feet of Space to the Existing Structure

Filed: 1/12/2018

Site: 2 Three Mile Road, Rome, GA 30165 (Floyd County)

Contact: Aneel Gill, Exec. Dir 678-533-6699

Estimated Cost: \$8,648,027

2018-002 Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite

Addition of Eight (8) Emergency Room Department Bays and Replacement of MRI

Filed: 1/16/2018

Site: 1001 JohnsonFerry Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

Contact: David R. Tatum, CPPO 404-785-7556

Estimated Cost: \$19,275,000

2018-003 Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University, Inc.

Addition of Thirty-Five (35) Inpatient Beds and Relocation of Nine (9) Observation Beds

Filed: 1/16/2018

Site: 1405 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30322 (Fulton County)

Contact: David R. Tatum, CPPO 404-785-7556

Estimated Cost: \$13,904,373

2018-004 Hamilton Medical Center

Relocation and Expansion of Endoscopy Services

Filed: 1/22/2018

Site: 1200 Memorial Drive, Dalton, GA 30720 (Whitfield County)

Contact: Keith Alexander, Principal 404-378-0910

Estimated Cost: \$12,189,868

Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

2017-081 MRI Imaging Specialists, Corp

Change of Ownership to Non Physician Ownership and Purchase Fixed MRI

Filed: 12/21/2017 Deemed Incomplete: 12/27/2017

Site: 6760 Jimmy Carter Boulevard Suite 165, Norcross, GA 30071 (Gwinnett County)

Contact: Mike Alatorre, Secretary 786-303-0242

Estimated Cost: \$550,000

Pending Review/Complete Applications

2017-046 HealthSouth Walton Rehabilitation Hospital

Renovation of Facility and Addition of Two Private Patient Rooms

Filed: 7/31/2017 Deemed Incomplete: 8/14/2017 Deemed Complete: 9/29/2017

60th Day Deadline: 11/27/2017

Decision Deadline: 1/26/2018

Site: 1355 Independence Drive, Augusta, GA 30901 (Richmond County)

Contact: Eric Crossan, CEO 706-724-7746

Estimated Cost: \$5,985,087

2017-053 Oaks at Limestone

Nursing Home Renovation Expenditures in Excess of 2017 Threshold Amount

Filed: 9/18/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 10/2/2017

60th Day Deadline: 11/30/2017

Decision Deadline: 1/29/2018

Site: 2560 Flintridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

Contact: Aneel Gill, Exec. Dir./Planning & Dev. 678-533-6699

Estimated Cost: \$8,950,000

2017-054 WellStar Douglas Hospital

Upgrade Rooms and Facilities for Provision of Obstetrics Services

Filed: 10/10/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/23/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/6/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/4/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/5/2018

Site: 8954 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, GA 30134 (Douglas County)

Contact: April Austin, Mgr 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$8,608,304

2017-055 WellStar Cobb Hospital

Renovate Patient Rooms and Relocate Certain ICU Rooms

Filed: 10/10/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/23/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/6/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/4/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/5/2018

Site: 3950 Austell Rd SW, Austell, GA 30106 (Cobb County)

Contact: April Austin, Mgr 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$14,685,000

2017-056 Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Proposal to Add 18 Acute Inpatient Beds

Filed: 10/16/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/30/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/20/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/18/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/19/2018

Site: 745 Poplar Rd, Newnan, GA 30265 (Coweta County)

Contact: John Miles, CFO 770-400-1000

Estimated Cost: \$8,160,000

2017-057 Comprehensive Care Center at Camp Creek

Establishment of Diagnostic Center in MOB at Camp Creek

Filed: 10/23/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 11/6/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/14/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/12/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/13/2018

Site: 3896 Princeton Lakes Way, Atlanta, GA 30331 (Fulton County)

Contact: Shannon Sale, Sr. VP/Chief Strategy Offcr 404-616-7029

Estimated Cost: \$7,345,493

2017-058 Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital

Purchase/Install Incremental Outpatient MRI Scanner

Filed: 10/25/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 11/6/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/9/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/7/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/8/2018

Site: 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

Contact: Jessica Sheridan, VP, Operations 678-843-7460

Estimated Cost: \$2,397,445

2017-059 Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital

Purchase and Installation of Incremental DaVinci XI Robotic System

Filed: 11/9/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/16/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/14/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/15/2018

Site: 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

Contact: Heather Dexter, COO 678-843-7001

Estimated Cost: \$2,435,000

2017-060 Northside Hospital

Acquisition of a 3T Siemens Magnetom Verio MRI System

Filed: 11/13/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 913 Eagles Landing Pkwy, Stockbridge, GA 30281 (Henry County)

Contact: William J. Brathwaite, Planning Analyst 404-845-5140

Estimated Cost: \$1,822,096

2017-061 Cartersville Medical Center

Renovate and Expand Emergency Department and Surgical Suite

Filed: 11/13/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

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

Contact: Lori Rakes, FACHE/COO 770-387-8181

Estimated Cost: \$13,879,000

2017-062 Emory University Hospital

Renovate Two Inpatient Medical Surgical Units and Lobby Area

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 12/8/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/5/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/6/2018

Site: 1364 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322 (Fulton County)

Contact: Catherine A Maloney, FACHE 404-712-5529

Estimated Cost: \$9,112,549

2017-063 Redmond Regional Medical Center

Develop Basic Level 1 Perinatal Service - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 501 Redmond Road, NW, Rome, GA 30165 (Floyd County)

Contact: Joseph Gleason, VP Business Development 706-802-3745

Estimated Cost: \$21,876,000

2017-064 The Medical Center, Navicent Health

Add Ten (10) Level III NICU Beds- [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 777 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201 (Bibb County)

Contact: H. Bryan Forlines, AVP 478-633-6966

Estimated Cost: \$1,477,665

2017-065 Northside Hospital - Cherokee

Establish Four (4) Bed Level III NICU Service and Expand Women's Center - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 450 Northside Cherokee Boulevard, Canton, GA 30115 (Cherokee County)

Contact: Brian Toporek, Senior Planner 404-851-6821

Estimated Cost: \$30,166,650

2017-066 Optim Surgery Center

Add Additional OR to ASC - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 210 East DeRenne Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406 (Chatham County)

Contact: David Castleberry, CEO 912-644-5370

Estimated Cost: \$425,645

2017-067 Erlanger Health System

Develop a Multi-Specialty ASC - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 60 Erlanger South Drive, Ringgold, GA 30736 (Catoosa County)

Contact: Joseph Winick, Lead Exec 423-778-8088

Estimated Cost: \$9,770,574

2017-068 WellStar Cobb Hospital

Add Ten (10) Level III NICU Beds - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 8954 Hospital Drive, Austell, GA 30106 (Cobb County)

Contact: April Austin, Mgr, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$406,373

2017-069 Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

Add Three (3) Level III NICU Beds - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 1199 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA 30606 (Clarke County)

Contact: Jody Corry, VP 706-475-1195

Estimated Cost: \$125,359

2017-070 WellStar Douglas Hospital

Establish Four (4) Bed Level II NICU Service - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 8954 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, GA 30062 (Douglas County)

Contact: April Austin, Mgr, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$502,444

2017-071 Emory University Hospital Midtown

Add Six (6) Level III NICU Beds- [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

Contact: Daniel Owens, CEO 404-686-2010

Estimated Cost: \$957,963

2017-072 Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Henry County

Establish a Fifty (50) Bed Comprehensive Rehabilitation Inpatient Facility- [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: Patrick Henry Parkway north of Jodeco Rd, Stockbridge, GA 30253 (Henry County)

Contact: Melanie Lewis 205-552-3871
Estimated Cost: \$22,249,089

2017-073 Emory University Hospital Midtown

Add Eight (8) Level II NICU Beds - [Batching](#)

Filed: 11/27/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 11/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/26/2018

Site: 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

Contact: Daniel Owens, CEO 404-686-2010

Estimated Cost: \$1,101,162

2017-074 Gordon Hospital

Renovate and Expand Hospital

Filed: 11/29/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 12/13/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/10/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/11/2018

Site: 1035 Red Bud Road, Calhoun, GA 30701 (Gordon County)

Contact: Brandon Nudd, FACHE/COO 706-879-4795

Estimated Cost: \$22,729,738

2017-075 The Medical Center, Navicent Health

Consolidation and Relocation of Children's Hospital

Filed: 11/29/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 12/13/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/10/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/11/2018

Site: 777 Hemlock St, Macon, GA 31201 (Bibb County)

Contact: H. Bryan Forlines, AVP 678-633-6966

Estimated Cost: \$14,673,816

2017-076 Grady Health System

Develop an Angio Procedure Room

Filed: 11/29/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 12/13/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 12/19/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/16/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/17/2018

Site: 80 Jesse Hill Jr Drive, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 (Fulton County)

Contact: Shannon Sale, Sr. VP/CSO 404-616-7029

Estimated Cost: \$3,580,500

2017-077 Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Acquire a da Vinci XI Surgical System

Filed: 11/29/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 12/13/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 12/27/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/24/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/25/2018

Site: 3131 South Main Street, Moultrie, GA 31768 (Columbia County)

Contact: Greg K. Johnson, FACHE/VP of Operations 229-890-3547

Estimated Cost: \$1,985,000

2017-078 Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Acquire and Install an Additional MRI Unit

Filed: 12/1/2017 **Deemed Incomplete:** 12/13/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 1/3/2018

60th Day Deadline: 3/3/2018

Decision Deadline: 5/2/2018

Site: 1255 Highway 54 West, Fayetteville, GA 30214 (Fayette County)

Contact: Nathan Nipper, COO 770-804-1013

Estimated Cost: \$2,149,421

2017-079 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.

Renovation and Development of Observation Unit

Filed: 12/8/2017 **Deemed Complete:** 12/22/2017

60th Day Deadline: 2/19/2018

Decision Deadline: 4/20/2018
Site: 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)
Contact: Linda Berger, Director of Planning 770-219-6631
Estimated Cost: \$6,475,000

2017-080 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital

Renovate Patient Care Area on the Fifth Floor of the Main Hospital
Filed: 12/13/2017 Deemed Complete: 12/27/2017
60th Day Deadline: 2/24/2018
Decision Deadline: 4/25/2018
Site: 147 Third Avenue, Albany, GA 31701 (Dougherty County)
Contact: Lori Jenkins, Director 229-312-1000
Estimated Cost: \$6,313,983

Recently Approved Applications

2017-049 Grady Memorial Hospital

Development of a Hybrid OR Within Main Surgical Suite on 5th Floor
Filed: 8/25/2017 Deemed Incomplete: 9/8/2017 Deemed Complete: 9/26/2017
60th Day Deadline: 11/24/2017
Decision Deadline: 1/23/2018
APPROVED: 1/23/2018
Site: 80 Jesse Hill Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 (Fulton County)
Contact: Shannon Sale, VP, Plan & Bus. Development 404-616-7029
Estimated Cost: \$7,365,303

Recently Denied Applications

none

CON Applications/Projects Withdrawn by Applicant

none

Appealed Determinations

DET2016-142 Hutcheson Medical Center, Inc. Request for Letter of Determination regarding reclassification of facility denied on 09/28/16. Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 10/13/16. Hearing Officer is Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq. Hearing date: 4/11/2017.

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 denied on 2/24/2016. Requestors filed request for Administrative Appeal on 03/16/2017. Hearing Officer is Ellwood F. Oakley III, Esq. Hearing date: 6/15/2017. Hearing Officer grants Motion of Summary Adjudication to Requestors, 8/28/2017. Department requests Commissioner Review, 9/22/2017. Commissioner reverses decision of Hearing Officer and grants summary adjudication to Department, 11/16/17. Emory files petition for Judicial Review, 12/18/17.

Appealed LNRs

LNR-EQT2017014 Excel Radiology, LLC - Savannah

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the reviewability of the purchase of a Fixed MRI Unit and CT Scanner. Request was approved, 7/7/2017. St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, Inc. and its two Savannah hospitals (St. Joseph’s Hospital, Inc., and Candler Hospital, Inc. (collectively “St. Joseph’s/Candler”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal Hearing to contest the Department’s July 7, 2017 ruling, 8/4/2017. Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

LNR-EQT2017015 Excel Radiology, LLC - Brunswick

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the reviewability of the purchase of a Fixed MRI Unit and CT Scanner. Request was approved, 7/7/2017. St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, Inc. and its two Savannah hospitals (St. Joseph’s Hospital, Inc., and Candler Hospital, Inc. (collectively “St. Joseph’s/Candler”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal Hearing to contest the Department’s July 7, 2017 ruling, 8/4/2017. Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

LNR-EQT2017010 Bridgeway Diagnostic Radiology, LLC

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the acquisition and operation of certain diagnostic equipment in Columbus, Muscogee County. The Department issued LNR, 8/23/2017. Columbus Diagnostic Imaging Center, LLC (“CDIC”) filed a request for Administrative Appeal Hearing, 9/22/2017. Hearing Officer: L. Lynn Hogue, Esq.

Appealed CON Projects

2014-028 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Forsyth County, LLC. (Forsyth)

Establish a New 50-Bed Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Hospital - Batchng

Agency Decision: Denied, 9/26/2014

Appealed By: Applicant, 10/22/2014. WellStar Kennestone submitted request to intervene, 10/24/2014; WellStar Cobb Hospital submitted request to intervene, 10/24/2014; Northeast Georgia Medical Center submitted request to intervene, 10/24/2014; Gwinnett Medical Center- Duluth, submitted request to intervene, 10/24/2014; North Fulton Hospital submitted request to intervene, 10/24/2014. WellStar Cobb Hospital withdraws request to intervene, 2/12/2015. WellStar Kennestone Hospital withdraws request to intervene, 2/12/2015.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: 3/18/2015 – 3/26/2015

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer affirmed DCH decision, 7/14/2015. HealthSouth filed request for Commissioner Review, 8/13/2015.

Commissioner Review Decision: Affirmed Hearing Officer’s decision, 9/11/2015. HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Forsyth County, LLC, filed Petition for Judicial Review, 10/12/2015.

Superior Court Decision: Superior Court Remands decision to Department for clarification, 4/29/2016. Clarification filed on 6/29/2016. Superior Court reversed Department decision, 1/27/17. Superior Court dismissed Department appeal, 9/27/2017.

Court of Appeals: Department filed Application for Discretionary Review, 2/27/2017. Application for Discretionary Review granted, 3/16/2017.

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 granted on 6/8/2016.

2015-017 ASMC, LLC d/b/a Atlanta Sports Medicine Center (Fulton)

Development of Single-Specialty Orthopedic ASC - Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 9/25/2015

Appealed By: Northside Hospital, Inc., d/b/a Northside Hospital - Atlanta, Northside Hospital-Cherokee, Northside Hospital-Forsyth, and Northside/Alpharetta Surgery Center (collectively "Northside"), 10/14/2015. North Fulton Medical Center, 10/23/2015; Marietta Surgical Center ("MSC") and Atlanta Outpatient Surgery Center ("AOSC"), 10/23/2015. The Emory Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Emory Orthopedic and Spine Physiatry Outpatient Surgery Center ("Emory"), 10/26/2015.

The Emory Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Emory Orthopedic and Spine Physiatry Outpatient Surgery Center ("Emory") withdraws appeal request, 1/26/2016.

Hearing Officer: Ellwood Oakley, III, Esq.

Hearing Date: 3/22/2016 – 3/24/2016 and 3/28/2016 – 3/31/2016

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer reverses Department decision to issue CON to ASMC, 6/24/2016. ASMC, LLC, d/b/a Atlanta Sports Medicine Center ("ASMC") requests Commissioner's Review, 7/14/2016.

Commissioner Review Decision: Hearing Officer Decision is reversed and award of CON to ASMC is reinstated, 8/22/2016. Northside and WellStar North Fulton filed for Judicial Review, 9/20/2016.

Superior Court Decision: Superior Court reversed Department and denied CON to ASMC, LLC, 2/3/2017.

Court of Appeals: Applicant filed for discretionary review, 3/7/2017. Application for Discretionary Review granted 3/27/17.

2015-032 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. (Cobb)

Develop a New Non-Special Purpose MRT Service - Batching

Agency Decision: Denied, 12/23/2015

Appealed By: Piedmont Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Atlanta Hospital, 1/21/2016

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 6/13/2016 – 6/20/2016

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer reversed Department decision to deny CON to Piedmont, 10/10/2016; Opposition parties Kennestone Hospital, Inc., d/b/a WellStar Kennestone Hospital, WellStar Hospital Career Center, LLC, and DCH Request Commissioner Review, 11/9/2016.

Commissioner Review Decision: Affirmed Hearing Officer's decision, 12/9/2016. Kennestone Hospital, Inc. filed Petition for Judicial Review, 1/9/2017.

Superior Court Decision: Court denies Petitioner's Petition for Judicial Review and affirms the Department's Final Order to award CON to Piedmont, 5/18/2017.

Court of Appeals: WellStar Kennestone and WellStar Cobb filed Application for Discretionary Review, 6/19/17.

2016-017 Saint Francis Hospital (Muscogee)

Establish New Special Purpose MRT Service Cyberknife Special Purpose MRT Region 3-Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/24/2016

Appealed By: The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Midtown Medical Center ("MMC"), 7/22/2016.

Request to intervene filed by St. Francis Health, LLC. d/b/a St. Francis Hospital ("St. Francis"), 7/22/2016.

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 1/17/2017

Hearing Decision: Hearing Officer affirmed the Department's decision to award a CON to St. Francis, 4/30/2017. MMC requested Commissioner Review, 5/30/2017.

Commissioner Review Decision: St. Francis was affirmed by the Commissioner, 6/30/17. MMC filed Petition for Judicial Review, 7/31/17. MMC files Application for Discretionary Appeal, 12/21/17.

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.

2017-010 Lakeview Behavioral Health (Gwinnett)

28-Bed Expansion of Existing Psych/Sub Abuse Inpatient Program SSSR 3 -Batching

Agency Decision: Approved, 6/26/2017

Appealed By: UHS of SummitRidge, LLC d/b/a SummitRidge Hospital ("SummitRidge"), 7/26/2017 and UHS of Peachford, L.P. d/b/a Peachford Hospital, 7/26/2017.

Hearing Officer: Ellwood F. Oakley, III, Esq.

Hearing Date: 11/13/2017 – 11/17/2017

Hearing Decision: Pending

2017-030 Lee County Medical Center (Lee)

Establishment of a 60-Bed, Short-Stay General Hospital

Agency Decision: Approved, 11/15/2017

Appealed By: Crisp Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Crisp Regional Hospital ("Crisp"), 12/13/2017. Lee County Medical Center ("LCMC") filed request to intervene in any appeal filed, 12/13/2017. Dougherty County, 12/14/2017. Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals ("GACH"), 12/14/2017.

Hearing Officer: TBD

Hearing Date: Pending

Requests for LNR for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment

LNR-EQT2017050 Resurgens Orthopaedics

Purchase of Fixed MRI

Request received: 10/17/2017

Contact Person: Dr. Douglas W. Lundy, Co-President 404-847-9999

Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 12/28/2017

LNR-EQT2017051 Medical Center, LLP

Purchase of a Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/6/2017

Contact Person: Andy Williamson, MD 478-272-5177

Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 12/28/2017

LNR-EQT2017053 Bender Orthopaedics & Spine Specialist, LLC

Purchase of a Fixed MRI

Request received: 11/29/2017

Contact Person: Jay Bender, Managing Member 877-630-5534

Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017054 Douglas Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar Douglas Hospital

Purchase of a Used Mobile Da Vinci Si Surgical System

Request received: 11/29/2017

Contact Person: April Austin, RPC 470-644-0057

Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/11/2018

LNR-EQT2017055 Medcross Imaging, LLC

Purchase of a Fixed MRI and CT Scanner

Request received: 11/30/2017

Contact Person: Balu S. Mani, M.D. 478-374-4305

Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017056 Medcross Imaging, LLC

Purchase of a Mobile MRI

Request received: 11/30/2017

Contact Person: 500.00

Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017057 Medcross Imaging, LLC

Purchase of Mobile MRI

Request received: 12/7/2017

Contact Person: Balu S. Mani, M.D. 478-374-4305
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017058 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. dba Piedmont Atlanta Hospital
Purchase of a Fixed MRI, CT Scanner and Digital Radiographic System
Request received: 12/11/2017
Contact Person: Randy Sprinkle, Exec. Dir. Imaging 404-605-3324
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017059 Urology Of Greater Atlanta, LLC
Purchase of a Fixed General Electric Lightspeed 16 CT Scanner
Request received: 12/20/2017
Contact Person: Cheri L. Craig, CAO 770-474-5281
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2017060 MedCross Imaging LLC
Purchase of a Fixed MRI and Fixed CT Scanner
Request received: 12/27/2017
Contact Person: Balu S. Mani, Med Dir. 478-374-4305
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018001 Outpatient Imaging, LLC
Purchase of a Fixed MRI and CT Scanner
Request received: 1/3/2018
Contact Person: John Arnold, Treasurer 770-305-4674
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018002 Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC
Purchase of a General Electric GE Signa LX 9.1X Software 1.0T MRI
Request received: 1/12/2018
Contact Person: Sean Mahan, M.D. Managing Member 407-699-1100
Determination: Pending

Requests for LNR for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

LNR-ASC2017020 Augusta Plastic Surgery Center, Inc.
Operation of Physician Owned, Single Speciality ASC
Site: 541 Fury's Ferry Road, Martinez, GA 30907
Number of OR's: 2 **Specialty:** General Plastic Surgery
Project costs as submitted: \$0.00
Request received: 10/5/2017
Contact Person: Gail Evans, RN MBA CNOR CASC 770-794-4944
Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2017021 Chatham Orthopaedic ASC, LLC dba Chatham Orthopaedic Surgery Center
Establishment of a Physician Owned Single Specialty ASC
Site: 4425 Paulsen Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405
Number of OR's: 4 **Specialty:** Orthopedic Surgery
Project costs as submitted: \$1,532,004.80
Request received: 11/30/2017
Contact Person: Paul G. Justice, Attorney 404-954-5000
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/11/2018

LNR-ASC2017022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants and Research Institute, LLC
Operation of a Physician Owned Single Specialty ASC
Site: 1716 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31093
Number of OR's: 1 **Specialty:** Cardiac Electrophysiology
Project costs as submitted: \$2,299,903.00
Request received: 12/15/2017

Contact Person: Felix Sogade Managing Member 478-755-1560
Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018001 Ankle and Foot Centers of Georgia, LLC

Establishment and Operation of a Single-Specialty Physician Owned ASC

Site: 1975 Beverly Rd, Gainesville, GA 30501

Number of OR's: 1 **Specialty:** Podiatry

Project costs as submitted: \$50,000.00

Request received: 1/16/2018

Contact Person: Victor Moldovan, 404-443-5708

Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018002 Surgery Center of Lawrenceville, LLC

Establishment and Operation of a Single Specialty Physician-Owned ASC

Site: 501 Crown Pointe Way, Suite 100 Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Number of OR's: 3 **Specialty:** Urology

Project costs as submitted: \$0.00

Request received: 1/22/2018

Contact Person: Joseph Ross, Attorney 912-232-7182

Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018003 The Georgia Center for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, P.C.

Relocation of Ambulatory Surgery Center

Site: 6326 Peake Rd Macon, GA 31210

Number of OR's: 2 **Specialty:** Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Project costs as submitted: \$0.00

Request received: 1/22/2018

Contact Person: Joshua R. Groves, M.D. 478-254-6608

Determination: Pending

Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination

DET2017199 ObGyne Birth Center for Natural Deliveries, Inc.

Cost Overrun Below Review Threshold

Request received: 9/14/2017

Contact Person: Bolanle A Sogade, MD 478-745-9887

Determination: Pending

DET2017212 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, Georgia

Reopen Inpatient Services at SGMC Smith Campus

Request received: 10/26/2017

Contact Person: C. Ross Berry, CEO 229-259-4102

Determination: Pending

DET2017219 The Center for Spine & Pain Medicine, P.C.

Convert Existing Plant Space into a Single Procedure Room ASC

Request received: 11/14/2017

Contact Person: Shahid Sohani, Manager 678-450-1222

Determination: Pending

DET2017220 Hospital Authority of Tift County dba Tift Regional Medical Center

Relocation of a Rural Healthcare Facility Within the Same County

Request received: 11/14/2017

Contact Person: Michael Purvis, CEO 229-896-8077

Determination: Pending

DET2017221 Georgia Urology

Relocation of Physician Office Based Single Specialty ASC

Request received: 11/20/2017

Contact Person: Jason Shellmutt, CEO 404-275-2221

Determination: Pending

DET2017222 University Health Services, Inc.

Replacement of the Roof for the Summerville Location

Request received: 11/21/2017

Contact Person: Edward L. Burr, CAO 706-774-8063

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/28/2017

DET2017223 The Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County Georgia dba South

Construction of Physician Offices in a Medical Office Building

Request received: 11/22/2017

Contact Person: C. Ross Berry, CEO 229-433-1000

Determination: Pending

DET2017224 Grady Health System

Replacement of CON Approved PET/CT Scanner

Request received: 11/29/2017

Contact Person: Carlos Ruiz, VP/Support Services 404-616-0588

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/11/2018

DET2017225 Northside Hospital Inc. and AOA-AMC, LLC

Replacement of CON Approved Diagnostic Imaging Equipment

Request received: 11/27/2017

Contact Person: Brian Toporek, Sr. Planner 404-851-6821

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/4/2018

DET2017226 Cobb Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar Cobb Hospital

Replacement of CON Approved Da Vinci Surgical System

Request received: 11/29/2017

Contact Person: Aptil Austin, RPC 470-644-0057

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/4/2018

DET2017227 Emory University dba Emory University Hospital Midtown

Replacement of CON Approved MRI

Request received: 11/30/2017

Contact Person: Daniel Owens, CEO 404-686-2010

Determination: Pending

DET2017230 Southeast Georgia Health System

Relocation of Pediatric Unit

Request received: 12/5/2017

Contact Person: Marjorie Mathieu, VP 912-466-7055

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/12/2018

DET2017231 SHP V Johns Creek, LLC

Increase in Capacity for an Assisted Living Facility

Request received: 12/6/2017

Contact Person: Beth Richardson, Exec. Dir. 770-790-0891

Determination: Pending

DET2017232 West Georgia Medical Center, Inc. dba WellStar West Georgia Medical Center

Replacement of Mobile PET/CT Vendor and Equipment

Request received: 12/6/2017

Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr 470-644-0057

Determination: Pending

DET2017233 WellStar Spaulding Regional Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar Spaulding Regional

Replacement of Mobile PET/CT Vendor and Equipment

Request received: 12/6/2017

Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr 470-644-0057

Determination: Pending

DET2017234 WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar North Fulton Hospital

Replacement of Existing Mobile PET/CT Vendor and Equipment

Request received: 12/6/2017

Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2017235 Union County Hospital Authority dba Union General Hospital, Inc.
Development of a Medical Office Building
Request received: 12/8/2017
Contact Person: Lewis Kelley, CEO 706-439-6492
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/12/2018

DET2017236 Piedmont Hospital, Inc. dba Piedmont Atlanta Hospital
Replacement of Telemetry System
Request received: 12/11/2017
Contact Person: Sheryl Klink, CFO 404-605-2233
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/19/2018

DET2017237 Oaks Senior Living, LLC
Establishment of a 100 Bed Assisted Living Facility
Request received: 12/13/2017
Contact Person: Alex Salabarria, CEO 770-888-4683
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/19/2018

DET2017238 Northside Hospital, Inc. dba Northside/Fayetteville Imaging
Relocation of Existing CON Approved Healthcare Facility
Request received: 12/13/2017
Contact Person: Brian Toporek, Sr. Planner 404-851-6821
Determination: Pending

DET2017239 Old Milton Senior Holding, LLC
Establishment of an Eighty Eight (88) Bed Assisted Living Community
Request received: 12/15/2017
Contact Person: Thomas Johnsrud, Administrator 470-359-5200
Determination: Pending

DET2017240 SHP V Hamilton Mill, LLC
Increase Capacity from 101 to 125 Beds
Request received: 12/15/2017
Contact Person: Melinda Kelly, Exec Director 770-999-0421
Determination: Pending

DET2017241 Emory University dba Emory University Hospital
Replacement of S Robot with an Xi Robot
Request received: 12/19/2017
Contact Person: Zeljka Matasic, Director 404-712-4446
Determination: Pending

DET2017242 East Georgia Regional Medical Center, LLC
Relocation of Outpatient Rehab and Gastroenterology Clinic
Request received: 12/20/2017
Contact Person: V. Paul Theriot, CEO 912-486-1500
Determination: Pending

DET2017243 Central Georgia PET, LLC
Replacement of PET/CT Unit
Request received: 12/21/2017
Contact Person: Eddie Coker, Director 478-633-9102
Determination: Pending

DET2017244 Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University dba Children's Healthcare of
Capital Expenditure to Develop a Clinical Research Department
Request received: 12/22/2017
Contact Person: David Tatum, CPPO 404-785-7556
Determination: Pending

DET2017245 Union General Hospital, Inc.

Conversion of Electronic Health Record System
Request received: 12/27/2017
Contact Person: Lewis Kelley, CEO 706-439-6492
Determination: Pending

DET2017246 Select Specialty Hospital-Midtown Atlanta, LLC
Consolidation of Hospital Licenses
Request received: 12/27/2017
Contact Person: Robert J. Bein, VP 717-972-1125
Determination: Pending

DET2017247 WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar North Fulton Hospital
Expansion of Cardiac Catherization Services
Request received: 12/27/2017
Contact Person: April Austin, Strategic Planning Manager 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2018001 Alliance HealthCare Services
Replacement of a Mobile PET/CT Unit
Request received: 12/28/2017
Contact Person: Andre Kellogg, Sr. Director 770-317-7800
Determination: Pending

DET2018002 OBGyne Birth Center for Natural Deliveries, Inc.
Relocation of Facility
Request received: 1/2/2018
Contact Person:
Determination: Pending

DET2018003 Eastside Medical Center, LLC dba Eastside Medical Center
Relocation of Ten (10) Medical/Surgical Beds
Request received: 1/4/2018
Contact Person: Persaud Rudolph, Director 770-736-2450
Determination: Pending

DET2018004 FDG EC Opco, LLC
Development of a One Hundred (100) Bed Assisted Living Community
Request received: 1/9/2018
Contact Person: Mark P. Maberry, Executive VP 770-777-9898
Determination: Pending

DET2018005 WellStar Cobb Imaging Center
Replacement of CON Approved MRI
Request received: 1/10/2018
Contact Person: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2018006 OrthoAtlanta, LLC
Establishment of Non Steril Surgical Procedure Room
Request received: 1/10/2018
Contact Person: Michael Ochal, CEO 770-953-6929
Determination: Pending

DET2018007 Kennestone Hospital, Inc. dba WellStar Kennestone Hospital
Replacement of CON Approved Linear Accelerator
Request received: 1/19/2018
Contact Person: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2018008 WellStar North Fulton Hospital, Inc. dba Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Development of a Medical Office Building
Request received: 1/19/2018
Contact Person: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057

Determination: Pending

DET2018009 Atlanta Institute for ENT, P.C.

Addition of an Allergist to Clinical Practice

Request received: 1/19/2018

Contact Person: Pradeep Sinha, M.D./ President 404-247-1589

Determination: Pending

DET2018010 Harbin Clinic, LLC

Replacement of Phillips Achieve 1.5T MRI Scanner

Request received: 1/19/2018

Contact Person: Kenna Stock, CEO 706-236-6347

Determination: Pending

Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

2015039 Grady Memorial Hospital d/b/a Grady Health System

Renovation/Relocation/Expansion of Marcus Stroke & Neuroscience Center

Request to extend Performance Period

Site: 80 Jesse Hill, Drive, SE, Atlanta (Fulton)

Project Approved: 5/27/2016

Request Received: 12/18/2017

Contact: Stephen Smith, Dir, Fac. Mgmt (404-616-3872)

Approved Cost: \$7,962,903

Determination: Approved, 1/16/2018

Extended Project Completion Date: 7/1/2018

2016003 Grady Memorial Hospital d/b/a Grady Health System

Renovation of Existing Space

Request to extend Performance Period

Site: 80 Jesse Hill, Drive, SE, Atlanta (Fulton)

Project Approved: 5/27/2016

Request Received: 12/18/2017

Contact: Stephen Smith, Dir, Fac. Mgmt (404-616-3872)

Approved Cost: \$19,440,714

Determination: Approved, 1/16/2018

Extended Project Completion Date: 7/1/2018

2013037 Devi Manor Home for Life, LLC

Development of a 252-bed Skilled Nursing Facility

Request to extend Completion Date

Site: 6095 Pine Mountain Road, Building 200 (Cobb)

Project Approved: 9/24/2013

Request Received: 12/21/2017

Contact: Harshad Patel, Phd, CEO (732-319-3055)

Approved Cost: \$56,531,000

Determination: Approved, 1/9/2018

Extended Project Completion Date: 1/31/2019

2015024 St. Mary's Health Care System, Inc.

Renovate Inpatient Operating Rooms & Support Space

Request to extend Completion Date

Site: 1230 Baxter Street, Athens (Clarke)

Project Approved: 12/7/2015

Request Received: 1/22/2018

Contact: D. Montez Carter, President (706-389-3930)

Approved Cost: \$6,830,000

Determination: Approved, 1/23/2018

Extended Project Completion Date: 6/1/2018

Need Projection Analyses *Updated 12/28/2017*

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

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

2022 Non Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 12/28/2017

2022 PET Need Projection – Posted 12/28/2017

2022 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection – Posted 9/28/2017

2022 Inpatient Physical Rehab Need Projections for Pediatric and Adult Services – Posted 9/28/2017

2022 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Intermediate - Posted 9/28/2017

2022 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/28/2017

2021 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/28/2017

2020 Nursing Home Bed Projections – Posted 3/28/2017

2020 Home Health Need Projection Summary for Horizon Year 2020- Posted 9/28/2017

Non-Batched Need Projections

2022 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 5/27/2017

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 1/23/2018)

Facility Name	County	Year	Shortfall Due	Service
Ambulatory Laser & Surgery Ctr	CLAYTON	2013	9,122.57	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Ambulatory Laser & Surgery Ctr	CLAYTON	2014	33,362.50	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Ambulatory Laser & Surgery Ctr	CLAYTON	2015	17,041.50	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Athens Plastic Surgery Center	CLARKE	2014	4,439.76	Ambulatory Surgery Center
Brookstone Surgical Center, LLC	MUSCOGEE	2013	44,631.52	Ambulatory Surgery Center
CPMSC Canton	Cherokee	2014	39,426.60	Ambulatory Surgery Center
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

Premier Ambulatory Surgical Center, LLC	Cobb	2015	169,806.56	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
Georgia Home Health	Fulton	2013	14,681.28	Home Health Agency
Georgia Home Health	Fulton	2014	35,647.87	Home Health Agency
Georgia Home Health	Fulton	2015	64,819.82	Home Health Agency
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).

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	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	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 12/28/2017 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.

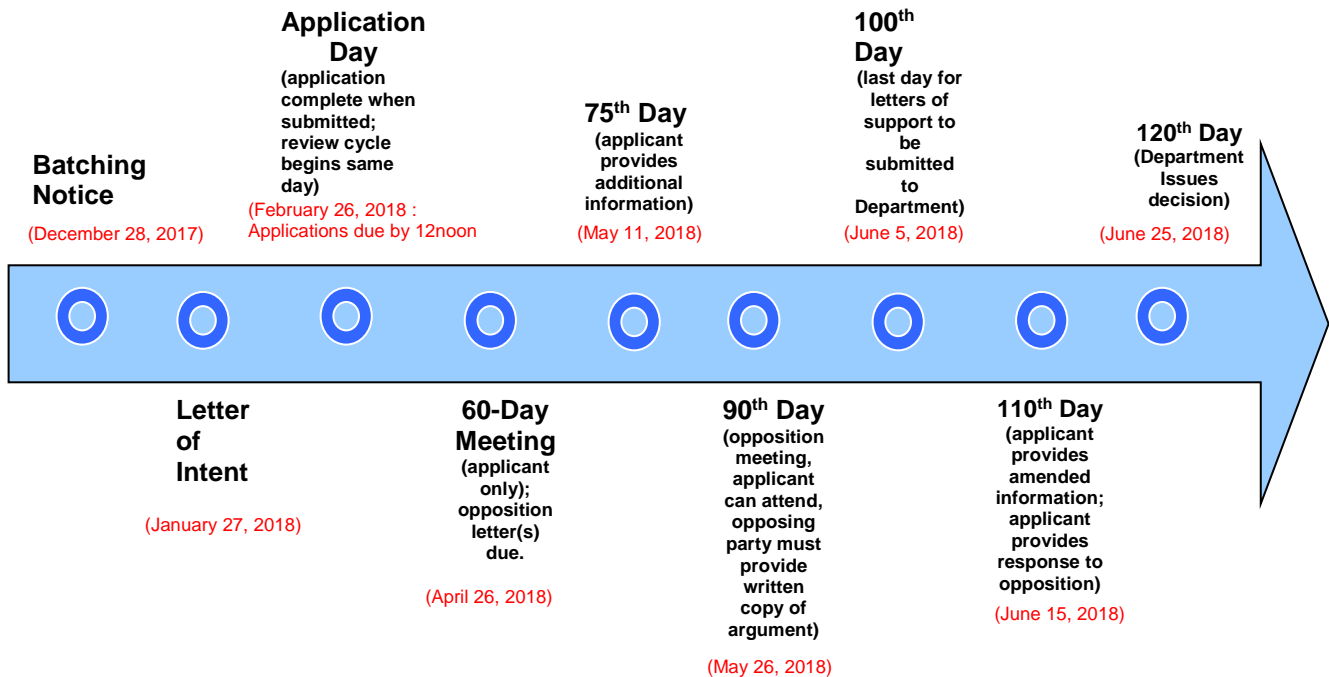
Letters of Intent for services, facilities, or expenditures for which there is no specified batching cycle, or other applicable rule, may be filed at any time.

<u>PET</u>	<u>Adult Open Heart</u>
<u>Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy</u>	<u>Psych/Substance Abuse</u>
<u>Pediatric Cath/Open Heart</u>	<u>Birthing Centers</u>

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

BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

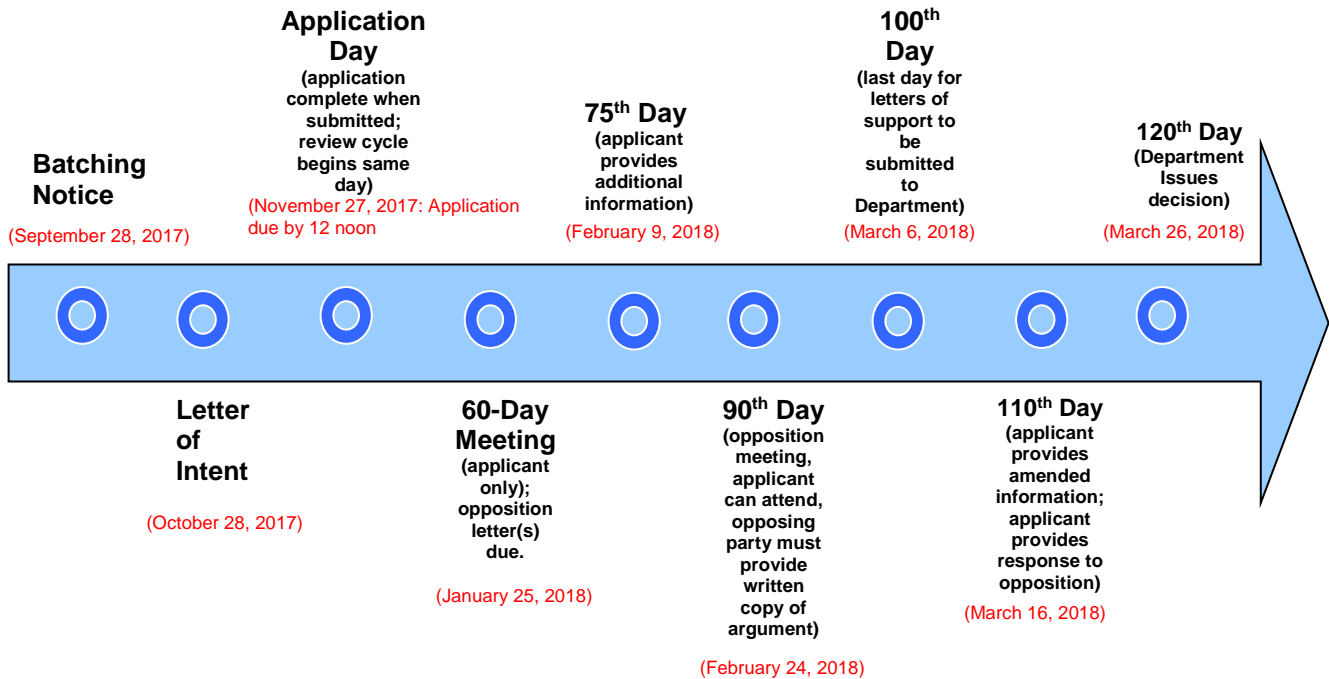
WINTER CYCLE



- ▶ 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)

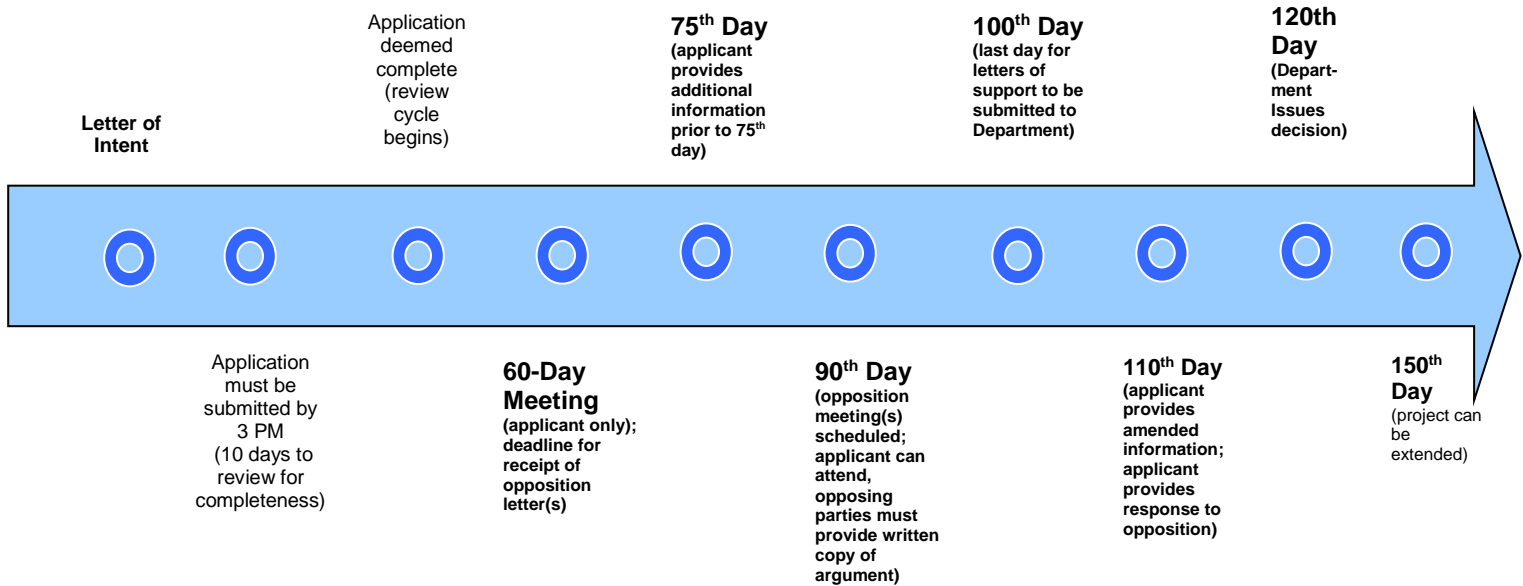
BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

FALL CYCLE



- ▶ Batching Notice issued 30 days before Letter of Intent Due
- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Applications submitted; deemed complete; review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-Day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75th day – applicant provides additional information
- ▶ 90th day – Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110th day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition due to Department; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department’s inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120th day Decision issued (No discretion to extend)

NON-BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES



- ▶ Letter of Intent received by Department 30 days before application is submitted
- ▶ Application submitted (10 working days to review for completeness). Applications submitted after 3:00 PM will be considered received on the next business day.
- ▶ Application deemed complete; 120-day review cycle begins
- ▶ 60-day meeting (applicant only); deadline for receipt of opposition letter(s)
- ▶ 75th day - applicant provides additional information prior to 75th day
- ▶ 90th day – Opposition Meeting(s) scheduled; applicant can be in attendance; opposing parties must provide written statement of opposition arguments presented (original and one copy to the Department and one copy to the applicant); presentation time will be limited; Department reserves right to make additional inquiries subsequent to 60-day meeting and following opposition meeting.
- ▶ 100th day Last day for letters of support to be submitted to the Department
- ▶ 110th day Applicant deadline for submitting amended information; applicant deadline for providing written response to opposition; applicant deadline for providing written response to Department’s inquiries subsequent to opposition meeting
- ▶ 120th day Decision issued (Department has discretion to extend to 150th day)

Office of Health Planning Contact Information

For general questions related to the Office of Health Planning, questions concerning Health Planning surveys, indigent and charity care commitment shortfalls, and all other matters please contact Rachel L. King, J.D., Executive Director
(rking1@dch.ga.gov)

For questions concerning pending Certificate of Need applications please contact Bruce Henderson, Senior Reviewer
(bhenderson@dch.ga.gov)

For LNR/DET letters and for CON related matters please contact Roxana Tatman, Legal Director, Health Planning
(rtatman@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. Such requests will be accepted only on the Department's Determination Request form with the required filing fee of \$250. Note: Requests for confirmation of the exemptions for a single specialty ambulatory surgical center or a joint venture ambulatory surgical center and equipment below the threshold are considered requests for a Letter of Nonreviewability ("LNR") and require a \$500 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 www.GaMap2Care.info 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.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPEAL PANEL

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