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Letters of Intent

LOI2018092 WellStar Atlanta Medical Center

Establishment of a Diagnostic Center

Received: 12/28/2018

Application must be submitted on: 1/28/2019

Site: 303 Parkway Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 (Fulton County)

Estimated Cost: \$3,700,000

LOI2019001 University Hospital

Purchase & Install an Incremental Da Vinci Xi Robotic System

Received: 1/8/2019

Application must be submitted on: 2/7/2019

Site: 1350 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30901 (Richmond County)

Estimated Cost: \$2,680,000

LOI2019002 Northeast Medical Center, Inc

Addition to Inpatient Care Beds

Received: 1/8/2019

Application must be submitted on: 2/7/2019

Site: 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

Estimated Cost: \$15,000,000

Expired Letters of Intent

none

New CON Applications

2019-002 Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc d/b/a Saint Joseph's Hospital

Renovation of Space for Creation of Hybrid OR Suite on Campus

Filed: 1/14/2019

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

Contact: Kevin Andrews, COO 678-843-7756

Estimated Cost: \$5,826,272

2019-003 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Renovation and Expansion of Labor and Delivery Area

Filed: 1/14/2019

Site: 6325 Hospital Parkway, Johns Creek, GA 30097 (Fulton County)

Contact: Laurie Hansen, VP, Operations 678-474-7012

Estimated Cost: \$4,500,000

2019-004 Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

Acquisition of da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgery System

Filed: 1/22/2019

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

Contact: Jody J. Corry Sr Corporate Counsel 706-475-1195

Estimated Cost: \$2,124,844

2019-005 Northeast Georgia Medical Center-South Hall Campus

Capital Expenditure Renovation to South Hall Campus Perinatal Service

Filed: 1/22/2019

Site: 1400 River Place, Braselton, GA 30517 (Hall County)

Contact: Linda Berger Dir of Planning 770-219-9000

Estimated Cost: \$6,107,597

CON Applications/Projects Withdrawn

none

Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

2019-001 AU Medical Center, Inc

Renovation to Create an ICU

Filed: 1/7/2019 Deemed Incomplete: 1/22/2019

Site: 1120 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30912 (Richmond County)

Contact: Jennifer Miller, Asst VP 706-446-5132

Estimated Cost: \$12,958,400

Pending Review/Complete Applications

2018-059 WellStar North Fulton Hospital

Establishment of a Diagnostic Center

Filed: 9/10/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 9/19/2018 Deemed Complete: 10/30/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/28/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/26/2019

Site: 2450 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30009 (Fulton County)

Contact: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$8,525,929

2018-060 West Georgia Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a West Georgia Medical Center (WWGMC)

Renovation of Enoch Callaway Cancer Center

Filed: 9/24/2018 Deemed Complete: 10/5/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/3/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/1/2019

Site: 1514 Vernon Road, Lagrange, GA 30240 (Troup County)

Contact: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$20,869,602

2018-061 PruittHealth- Savannah, LLC

SNF Renovation/Expansion Expenditure Above Threshold

Filed: 9/28/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 10/11/2018 Deemed Complete: 10/17/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/15/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/13/2019

Site: 12825 White Bluff Road, Savannah, GA 31405 (Chatham County)

Contact: Aneel Gill, Executive Director 678-533-6699

Estimated Cost: \$5,697,384

2018-062 Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Addition of 61 Acute Inpatient Beds

Filed: 10/8/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 10/22/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/5/2018

60th Day Deadline: 1/3/2019

Decision Deadline: 3/4/2019

Site: 1279 Highway 54 West, Fayetteville, GA 30214 (Fayette County)

Contact: Scott Wolfe, CFO 770-719-7073

Estimated Cost: \$875,000

2018-063 Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Acquire Da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgery System

Filed: 10/10/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 10/24/2018 Deemed Complete: 10/25/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/23/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/21/2019

Site: 1279 Highway 54 West, Fayetteville, GA 30214 (Fayette County)

Contact: Scott Wolfe, CFO 770-719-7073
Estimated Cost: \$2,110,000

**2018-064 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University
Medical Center**

Purchase a 1.5 MRI Unit

Filed: 10/11/2018 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/25/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 11/9/2018

60th Day Deadline: 1/7/2019

Decision Deadline: 3/8/2019

Site: 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah, GA 31404 (Charlton County)

Contact: Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519

Estimated Cost: \$5,880,900

2018-065 Columbus Diagnostic Imaging Center, LLC

Add a CT Scanner

Filed: 10/12/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 10/22/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/20/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/18/2019

Site: 7500 Veterans Parkway Suite C, Columbus, GA 31909 (Muscogee County)

Contact: Joseph A. Paul, President 561-744-9122

Estimated Cost: \$553,460

2018-066 Doctors Hospital of Augusta

Expansion of Joseph M Still Burn Center

Filed: 10/12/2018 **Deemed Incomplete:** 10/26/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 11/9/2018

60th Day Deadline: 1/7/2019

Decision Deadline: 3/8/2019

Site: 3651 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909 (Richmond County)

Contact: Terry T. Treadwell 706-651-6101

Estimated Cost: \$78,097,000

2018-067 Fayette Community Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Fayette Hospital

Expansion of Interventional Radiology (IR) Suite

Filed: 10/15/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 10/25/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/23/2018

Decision Deadline: 2/21/2019

Site: 1279 Highway 54 West, Fayetteville, GA 30214 (Fayette County)

Contact: Scott Wolfe, CFO 770-719-7073

Estimated Cost: \$3,030,865

2018-068 Kennestone Hospital, Inc

Establish a New Clinical Decision Unit

Filed: 10/19/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 11/2/2018

60th Day Deadline: 12/31/2018

Decision Deadline: 3/1/2019

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

Contact: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$15,002,570

2018-069 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System

Development of Ambulatory Services Center

Filed: 10/29/2018 **Deemed Incomplete:** 11/9/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 11/15/2018

60th Day Deadline: 1/13/2019

Decision Deadline: 3/14/2019

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

Contact: Shannon Sale, Chief Strategy Officer 404-616-7029

Estimated Cost: \$188,422,742

2018-070 Bayview Nursing Home LLC

Renovation Expenditure

Filed: 11/8/2018 **Deemed Complete:** 11/19/2018

60th Day Deadline: 1/17/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/18/2019
Site: 12884 Cleveland Street West, Nahunta, GA 31553 (Brantley County)
Contact: Chip Davis 478-988-1294
Estimated Cost: \$4,442,507

2018-071 Northside Hospital Cherokee

32 Bed Expansion and Campus Reconfiguration
Filed: 11/13/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/27/2018
60th Day Deadline: 1/25/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/26/2019
Site: 450 Northside Cherokee Boulevard, Canton, GA 30115 (Cherokee County)
Contact: Brian Toporek, Sr Planner 404-851-6821
Estimated Cost: \$39,800,317

2018-072 Braselton ASC, LLC

Develop a Multi-Specialty Freestanding ASC with Four ORs and Two Procedure Rooms - [Batching](#)
Filed: 11/26/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2018
60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/25/2019
Site: 1524 River Place, Gainesville, GA 30517 (Hall County)
Contact: Linda Berger 770-219-6631
Estimated Cost: \$27,374,000

2018-073 Braselton Surgical Specialist Center, LLC

Establish a Freestanding Multispecialty ASC with Three OR's and 1 Procedure Room- [Batching](#)
Filed: 11/26/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2018
60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/25/2019
Site: 1255 Friendship Road, Braselton, GA 30517 (Hall County)
Contact: Brian Toporek, Sr Planner 404-851-6821
Estimated Cost: \$23,895,037

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

Add (expand) 8 Neonatal Intermediate Care Beds to its Existing Services - [Batching](#)
Filed: 11/26/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2018
60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/25/2019
Site: 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah, GA 31404 (Chatham County)
Contact: Matthew S Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519
Estimated Cost: \$7,232,000

2018-075 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical Center

Add (Expand) 9 Neonatal Intensive Care Beds to Existing Services - [Batching](#)
Filed: 11/26/2018 Deemed Complete: 11/26/2018
60th Day Deadline: 1/24/2019
Decision Deadline: 3/25/2019
Site: 4700 Waters Avenue, Savannah, GA 31404 (Chatham County)
Contact: Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519
Estimated Cost: \$8,129,250

2018-076 Piedmont Newton Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newton Hospital

Cost Overrun: GA2016-040 - Renovation and Expansion of Emergency Department
Filed: 11/29/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 12/13/2018 Deemed Complete: 1/7/2019
60th Day Deadline: 3/7/2019
Decision Deadline: 5/6/2019
Site: 5126 Hospital Drive NE, Covington, Ga 30014 (Newton County)
Contact: William Love, Executive Director 770-385-4183
Estimated Cost: \$11,000,000

2018-077 Kennestone Hospital, Inc

Create a Hybrid Operating Room

Filed: 12/17/2018 Deemed Complete: 12/20/2018

60th Day Deadline: 2/17/2019

Decision Deadline: 4/18/2019

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

Contact: April Austin, Manager 470-644-0057

Estimated Cost: \$6,816,865

2018-078 Doctors Hospital of Augusta

Acquire a Fixed-Based MRI to Replace Existing Mobile MRI

Filed: 12/17/2018 Deemed Complete: 12/20/2018

60th Day Deadline: 2/17/2019

Decision Deadline: 4/18/2019

Site: 3651 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909 (Richmond County)

Contact: Terry T. Treadwell, CRA 706-651-6101

Estimated Cost: \$2,094,966

2018-079 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Acquire and Install an Additional MRI

Filed: 12/19/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 12/20/2018 Deemed Complete: 1/14/2019

60th Day Deadline: 3/14/2019

Decision Deadline: 5/13/2019

Site: 1755 GA Highway 34 Suite 1200, Newnan, GA 30265 (Coweta County)

Contact: John Miles, CFO 770-400-1000

Estimated Cost: \$4,460,863

Recently Approved Applications

2018-048 Tanner Medical Center

Capital Expenditures for Hospital Srvcs in MOB

Filed: 8/16/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 8/30/2018 Deemed Complete: 9/6/2018

60th Day Deadline: 11/4/2018

Decision Deadline: 1/3/2019

APPROVED: 1/3/2019

Site: 706 Dixie Street, Carrollton, GA 30117 (Carroll County)

Contact: Jim Griffith, SVP, COO 770-812-5499

Estimated Cost: \$8,728,951

2018-056 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Newnan Hospital

Add 5 Acute Inpatient Beds

Filed: 8/29/2018 Deemed Incomplete: 9/12/2018 Deemed Complete: 9/21/2018

60th Day Deadline: 11/19/2018

Decision Deadline: 1/18/2019

APPROVED: 1/18/2019

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

Contact: John Miles, CFO 770-400-1000

Estimated Cost: \$78,812

2018-057 Northside Hospital Cherokee

Establish Outpatient Imaging Center

Filed: 8/29/2018 Deemed Complete: 9/12/2018

60th Day Deadline: 11/10/2018

Decision Deadline: 1/9/2019

APPROVED: 1/9/2019

Site: 470 Northside Cherokee Blvd, Canton, GA 30115 (Cherokee County)

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

Estimated Cost: \$13,266,698

2018-058 Northside Hospital Atlanta

Establish Hospital-Based Outpatient Surgery Service

Filed: 8/31/2018 Deemed Complete: 9/14/2018

60th Day Deadline: 11/12/2018

Decision Deadline: 1/11/2019

APPROVED: 1/11/2019

Site: 1110 West Peachtree Street, NW Ste 1200, Atlanta, GA 30309 (Fulton County)

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

Estimated Cost: \$29,795,711

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 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. 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.

DET2018-143 Willingway, Inc (Willingway Hospital) Request for Letter of Determination regarding the reviewability of an increase in the authorized bed capacity of its hospital facility, approved on 10/15/2018. UHS of Savannah, LLC d/b/a Coastal Harbor Behavioral Health and d/b/a Coastal Harbor Treatment Center (collectively, “Coastal”) filed request for Administrative Appeal on 11/14/2018. Hearing Officer: L. Lynn Hogue, Ph.D., J.D.

Appealed LNRs

LNR-EQT2018005 Synergy Radiology, LLC – Douglasville

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the reviewability of certain diagnostic imaging equipment in Douglasville, Douglas County. The Request was approved on 5/7/2018. Douglas Hospital, Inc d/b/a WellStar Douglas Hospital filed a request for Administrative Appeal Hearing to contest the Department’s ruling, 6/6/2018. Hearing Officer: L. Lynn Hogue, Esq. WellStar Douglas Hospital, Inc. withdraws appeal, 11/26/2018. Hearing Officer orders this appeal as concluded, 12/4/2018.

LNR-EQT2018032 Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC

Requested Letter of Non-Reviewability (“LNR”) with regard to the reviewability of certain diagnostic imaging equipment in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. The Request was approved on 10/11/2018. American Health Imaging, Inc., filed a request for Administrative Appeal Hearing to contest the Department’s ruling, 11/13/2018. Hearing Officer: L. Lynn Hogue, Ph.D., J.D.

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. Request was denied 3/6/2018. 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.

Appealed CON Projects

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

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

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. Court of Appeals affirms dismissal of matter, 10/29/18. Superior Court decision awarding CON to HealthSouth stands.

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.

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 Cobb, 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. Court of Appeals affirms Superior Court awarding CON to Piedmont, 6/1/2018.

Supreme Court: WellStar Kennestone and WellStar Cobb Hospital Cancer Center file Petition for Writ of Certiorari, 6/21/2018. Supreme Court denied petition for certiorari, 1/7/2019.

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.

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: Pending

2017-072 Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Henry County (Henry)

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

Agency Decision: Denied, 3/26/2018

Appealed By: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Henry County, LLC ("Encompass"), 4/18/2018. Requests to Intervene filed separately by Prime Healthcare Foundation-Southern Regional, LLC ("SRMC"), 4/26/18 (withdrawn, 5/4/2018), and by Southern Crescent Traumatic Brain Injury Center ("SCTBI"), 4/25/18. SCTBI Request to Intervene dismissed, 12/3/18.

Hearing Officer: William C. Joy, Esq.

Hearing Date: 1/22/2019

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 Date: 12/10,11,14/2018; 1/7-11/2019; 2/4-8/2019

Hearing Decision: Pending

2018-018 Diagnostic Systems, Inc. (Chatham)

Replace Existing MRI System

Agency Decision: Denied, 8/9/2018

Appealed By: Applicant, 9/6/2018

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq.

Hearing Date: 1/17/2019

2018-027 American Health Imaging of Georgia LLC d/b/a Marietta Imaging LLC (Cobb)

Addition of CT Scanner to Existing OP Imaging Center

Agency Decision: Denied, 9/17/2018

Appealed By: Applicant, American Health Imaging of Georgia d/b/a Marietta Imaging, LLC, 10/15/2018

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

Hearing Date: 3/11/2019, 9AM

2018-033 Grady General Hospital Nursing Home (Grady)

Develop a New 75-Bed Skilled Nursing Facility - Batchng

Agency Decision: Denied, 9/25/2018

Appealed By: John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Grady General Hospital ("Grady General"), 10/23/2018

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

Hearing Date: 4/15/2019, 9AM

2018-038 Pro Radiology LLC (Fulton)

Acquisition of Equipment Above Threshold

Agency Decision: Denied, 11/14/2018

Appealed By: Applicant, 12/7/2018

Hearing Officer: Melvin M. Goldstein, Esq

Hearing Date: Pending

Requests for LNR for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment

LNR-EQT2018025 Allegiance Imaging and Radiology, LLC

Acquisition of Fixed CT Scanner

Request received: 6/7/2018

Contact Person: Sean Mahan, MD, Managing Mmbr. 407-699-1100

Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018028 MRI Imaging Specialists, Corp

Purchase Fixed MRI

Request received: 7/25/2018

Contact Person: Mike Alatorre 786-303-0242

Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018049 Southeast Gerogia Health System

Da Vinci X Surgical System

Request received: 11/5/2018

Contact Person: Lana Gladhill 912-466-5799

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 12/26/2018

LNR-EQT2018053 University Surgical Associates of Athens

CT Scanner- Fixed

Request received: 11/6/2018

Contact Person: Janet Mungenast, OM 706-549-8306 X103

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 1/18/2019

LNR-EQT2018054 Sterling Medical Imaging Specialists, P.C.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging-Fixed

Request received: 11/6/2018
Contact Person: Robert Price, M.D 770-337-0561
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 12/26/2018

LNR-EQT2018056 Elite Radiology of Georgia, LLC

Magnetic Resonance Imaging- Fixed
Request received: 11/29/2018
Contact Person: Kevin Johnson, CEO 954-292-9493
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/9/2019

LNR-EQT2018057 Navicent Health Oconee, LLC d/b/a Navicent Health Baldwin

Acquisition of Mobile MRI and Fixed CT
Request received: 12/3/2018
Contact Person: Eddie Coker, Director 478-633-9102
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/11/2019

LNR-EQT2018058 Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic, P.A

Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Fixed
Request received: 12/5/2018
Contact Person: Kevin W. Deter, COO 404-355-0743
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/18/2019

LNR-EQT2018059 Medrad, LLC

Magnetic Resonance Imaging-Mobile
Request received: 12/6/2018
Contact Person: Kuo Lam Lee, M.D. 478-738-0099
Determination: Approved **Determination Date:** 1/18/2019

LNR-EQT2018060 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

CT Scanner - Fixed
Request received: 12/7/2018
Contact Person: Laurie Hansen, VPO 678-474-7012
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018061 Outpatient Imaging, LLC

Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Fixed
Request received: 12/19/2018
Contact Person: John Arnold, Treasurer 770-305-4674
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018062 Advanced Urology Institute of Georgia, P.C.

CT Scanner- Fixed
Request received: 12/26/2018
Contact Person: Jitesh Patel, M.D. 678-344-8900
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2018063 Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc

CT Scanner- Fixed
Request received: 12/28/2018
Contact Person: Randy Sprinkle, Exec 404-605-3324
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2019001 Omega Professional Radiology Services of Georgia, LLC

Fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging & Fixed CT Scanner
Request received: 1/18/2019
Contact Person: William Romani, MD 985-373-7383
Determination: Pending

LNR-EQT2019002 South Atlanta Radiology Associates PC

CT Scanner - Fixed
Request received: 1/22/2019
Contact Person: Balu S. Mani, M.D 770-991-1010
Determination: Pending

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

LNR-ASC2018018 Georgia Pain Spine Center, LLC

Physician Owned Single Specialty ASC

Site: 400 Tower Road, Ste375 Marietta GA,

Number of OR's: 2 **Specialty:** Pain Management

Project costs as submitted: \$2,878,487.00

Request received: 9/21/2018

Contact Person: Victoria Beck, CFO 404-403-8310

Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018022 Georgia Arrhythmia Consultants & Research Institute, LLC

Single Specialty Cardiology Electrophysiology ASC

Site: 1710 Watson Blvd

Number of OR's: 1 **Specialty:** Cardio Electrophysiology ASC

Project costs as submitted: \$2,299,903.00

Request received: 11/13/2018

Contact Person: Dr. Sogade 478-322-111

Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018023 Southeast Regional Surgery Center, LLC

Proposes to Construct a Two(2) Room Physician Owned Single Specialty AS

Site: 5669 Whitesville Road Ste B Columbus Ga 31904

Number of OR's: 2 **Specialty:** Physician Owned Single Specialty

Project costs as submitted: \$555,821.60

Request received: 12/3/2018

Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross, Partner 912-232-7182

Determination: Approved

Determination Date: 1/11/2019

LNR-ASC2018024 Pooler Plastic Surgery, LLC

Request to Establish a Single Specialty ASC

Site: 1000 Towne Center Boulevard, Unit 506, Pooler 31322

Number of OR's: 1 **Specialty:** Single Specialty Office Based ASC

Project costs as submitted: \$255,737.17

Request received: 12/7/2018

Contact Person: Douglas J. Giorgio III 912-236-3311

Determination: Pending

LNR-ASC2018025 Georgia Interventional Pain-E, LLC

Proposes to Own and Operate a One Room Outpatient ASC

Site: 100 Liberty Boulevard Ste 220 Canton Ga 30114

Number of OR's: 1 **Specialty:** Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine

Project costs as submitted: \$651,363.00

Request received: 12/10/2018

Contact Person: Joseph R. Ross 912-232-7182

Determination: Pending

Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination

DET2018083 Windward Surgery Center, LLC

Conversion of Pain Mgmt PO-Based LNR ASC to Exempt ASC

Request received: 4/26/2018

Contact Person: Michael Skaliy, M.D. 770-844-3242

Determination: Pending

DET2018198 Emory University d/b/a Emory University Hospital Midtown

Replace CON Authorized Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Request received: 11/6/2018

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

Determination: Pending

DET2018201 Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation d/b/a Grady Health System

Expansion of Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital Emergency Dept

Request received: 11/13/2018

Contact Person: David Tatum, CPPO 44-785-7556

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2018

DET2018202 Fairview Park, Limited Partnership d/b/a Fairview Park Hospital

Replacement of CON-Approved Cardiac Catheterization Equipment

Request received: 11/15/2018

Contact Person: Ted Short, CFO 478-274-3103

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2018

DET2018203 The Claiborne at West Lake, LLC

Establishment of New Assisted Living Community

Request received: 11/16/2018

Contact Person: Robert O. Tatum Jr. Mgr 601-336-5050

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 12/27/2018

DET2018204 Columbus Diagnostic Imaging Center, LLC

Replacement of CON-Exempt (Grandfathered) CT Unit

Request received: 11/19/2018

Contact Person: Joseph A. Paul, President 561-744-9122

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2019

DET2018206 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital

Replacement of a CON Approved Nuclear Medicine Camera

Request received: 11/19/2018

Contact Person: Laurie Hansen, VPO 678-474-7012

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/3/2019

DET2018207 Harbin Clinic, LLC

Endoscopy Exemption

Request received: 11/19/2018

Contact Person: Kenna Stock, CEO 706-235-1165

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/11/2019

DET2018208 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC

Relocation of CON-Approved Healthcare Facility Less Than Three Miles

Request received: 11/20/2018

Contact Person: Stephen R. Janis, CDO 404-296-5887 ext 201

Determination: Pending

DET2018209 Cobb Hospital, Inc d/b/a WellStar Cobb Hospital

Upgrade of Cardiac Catheterization Services

Request received: 11/28/2018

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

Determination: Pending

DET2018210 Grady Health System

Renovation of Retail Space

Request received: 11/28/2018

Contact Person: Carlos F. Ruiz, VP 404-616-0588

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/4/2019

DET2018211 Cason Road Healthcare, LLC

Replacement of 116 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility in Polk County

Request received: 11/29/2018

Contact Person: Andrew J Morris, Member 770-548-9398

Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/4/2019

DET2018212 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC

Replacement of CON- Authorized CT Unit

Request received: 12/4/2018
Contact Person: Stephen Janis, CDO 40-296-5887 ext 2201
Determination: Pending

DET2018213 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC
Replacement of CON-Approved MRI Unit
Request received: 12/4/2018
Contact Person: Stephen Janis, CDO 404-296-5887 ext 2201
Determination: Pending

DET2018214 American Health Imaging of Georgia, LLC
Relocation of Existing Healthcare Facility
Request received: 12/4/2018
Contact Person: Stephen Janis, CDO 404-296-5887 ext 2201
Determination: Pending

DET2018215 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc
3rd Cardiac Catheterization Lab on South Hall Campus
Request received: 12/6/2018
Contact Person: Linda Berger, Planning Direc 770-219-6631
Determination: Non-reviewable as proposed **Determination Date:** 1/11/2019

DET2018216 EHCA Johns Creek, LLC d/b/a Emory Johns Creek Hospital
Replacement of a CON- Approved CT Scanner
Request received: 12/7/2018
Contact Person: Laurie Hansen, VPO 678-474-7012
Determination: Pending

DET2018217 Gwinett Hospital System, Inc
10% Increase in Bed Capacity
Request received: 12/7/2018
Contact Person: Michael C Boblitz, VP/Planning 678-312-4329
Determination: Pending

DET2018218 Resurgens Surgery Center, LLC
Renovate Existing ASC
Request received: 12/10/2018
Contact Person: Alex Bateman
Determination: Pending

DET2018219 Memorial University Medical Center
Replace Medical Vacuum System Pumps
Request received: 12/10/2018
Contact Person: John Burdett, Director 912-350-8000
Determination: Pending

DET2018220 Memorial University Medical Center
Replacement of AHU-15 Central Sterile
Request received: 12/10/2018
Contact Person: John Burdett, Director 912-350-8000
Determination: Pending

DET2018221 AU Medical Center, Inc
Replacement of CON Approved PET/CT Unit
Request received: 12/11/2018
Contact Person: Jennifer Miller, Asst VP 706-446-5132
Determination: Pending

DET2018222 John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc
Renovations In Order TO Bring Existing Bldg up To Current Bldg Code
Request received: 12/13/2018
Contact Person: James A. Carter, Sr VP, COO 229-551-2676
Determination: Pending

DET2018223 Wellstar North Fulton Hospital, Inc d/b/a Wellstar North Fulton Hospital

Renovate and Move Cardiac Diagnostics Lab

Request received: 12/17/2018

Contact Person: April Austijn, Mgr Strat Plan 470-644-0057

Determination: Pending

DET2018224 Emory University Hospital Midtown

Replacement of Linear Accelerator

Request received: 12/17/2018

Contact Person: Sheryl Bluestein, VPO 404-686-1591

Determination: Pending

DET2018225 St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc

Replace CON-Grandfathered Cardiac Cath Lab

Request received: 12/21/2018

Contact Person: Brad Trower, VP Business Dev 912-819-6557

Determination: Pending

DET2018226 The Interventional Spine & Pain Management Center, P.C.

Corporate Reorganization

Request received: 12/26/2018

Contact Person: Victoria Beck, CFO 404-920-4968

Determination: Pending

DET2018227 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial University Medical Center

Replace Chiller

Request received: 12/26/2018

Contact Person: John Burdett, Director PO 912-350-8000

Determination: Pending

DET2018228 Eastside Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Eastside Medical Center

Facility Renovation to Establish Unit for Inpatient Psych/Sub Abuse

Request received: 12/28/2018

Contact Person: Persaud Rudolph, Director 770-736-2450

Determination: Pending

DET2018229 Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center, Inc d/b/a Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center

Replacement of Cardiac Cath Lab Equipment & Associated Renovations

Request received: 12/28/2018

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

Determination: Pending

DET2019001 Northeast Georgia Health System, Inc.

Construction of MOB

Request received: 1/3/2019

Contact Person: Linda Berger, Dir., Planning 770-219-6631

Determination: Pending

DET2019002 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Medical

AHU Repair/Replacement

Request received: 1/4/2019

Contact Person: John Burdett, Dir., Plant Operations 912-350-8000

Determination: Pending

DET2019003 Dogwood Forest of Decatur

ALC License

Request received: 1/7/2019

Contact Person: Nicolle Willaims, DSO 470-558-8180

Determination: Pending

DET2019004 Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Replacement of Existing Linear Accelerator Equipment

Request received: 1/9/2019

Contact Person: Linda Berger, Planning Dir 770-219-6631
Determination: Pending

DET2019005 Emory Johns Creek, LLC Emory Johns Creek Hospital
Renovation of the Pharmacy
Request received: 1/9/2019
Contact Person: Laurie Hansen, VPO 678-474-7012
Determination: Pending

DET2019006 CareSouth HHA Holdings of Columbus, LLC
Physical Relocation to New Office Space
Request received: 1/10/2019
Contact Person: Lisa Arbuckle, Director L&E 469-621-8681
Determination: Pending

DET2019007 WellStar Atlanta Medical Center
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019008 WellStar Atlanta Medical Center
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019009 WellStar Douglas Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019010 WellStar Cobb Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019011 WellStar Cobb Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019012 WellStar Kennestone Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019013 WellStar North Fulton Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr, Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019014 WellStar Paulding Hospital
Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines
Request received: 1/14/2019
Contact Person: April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057
Determination: Pending

DET2019015 WellStar Spalding Regional

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines

Request received: 1/14/2019**Contact Person:** April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057**Determination:** Pending**DET2019016 WellStar Sylvan Grove Hospital**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines

Request received: 1/14/2019**Contact Person:** April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057**Determination:** Pending**DET2019017 WellStar West Georgia Medical Center**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines

Request received: 1/14/2019**Contact Person:** April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057**Determination:** Pending**DET2019018 WellStar Windy Hill Hospital**

Pharmacy Renovation to Comply with US Pharmacopeia Guidelines

Request received: 1/14/2019**Contact Person:** April Austin, Mgr., Strategic Planning 470-644-0057**Determination:** Pending**DET2019019 Savannah Health Services, LLC d/b/a Memorial Health University Med Ctr**

Replacement of CON Approved da Vinci Si

Request received: 1/22/2019**Contact Person:** Matthew S. Hasbrouck, COO 912-350-8519**Determination:** Pending**DET2019020 Stiles Kellett, III CEO Restore Health Group**

Addition of One Bed

Request received: 1/22/2019**Contact Person:** Jim Kelly, COO 770-563-8248**Determination:** Pending

Requests for Extended Implementation/Effective Period

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, Kennesaw (Cobb)**Project Approved:** 9/24/2013**Request Received:** 12/28/2018**Contact:** Harshad Patel, Phd, CEO (732-319-3055)**Approved Cost:** \$56,531,000**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:** 1/8/2019**Contact:** Ed Burr, CAO (727-422-8090)**Approved Cost:** \$5,108,765**Determination:** Pending

Need Projection Analyses Posted 12/21/2018

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

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

2023 Non Special MRT Need Projection – Posted 12/21/2018

2023 PET Need Projection – Posted 12/21/2018

2023 Ambulatory Surgical Services Need Projection by HPA– Posted 9/27/2018

2023 Inpatient Physical Rehab Need Projections for Pediatric and Adult Services – Posted 9/27/2018

2023 Neonatal Intermediate Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2018

2023 Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2018

2023 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2018

2021 Nursing Home Bed Need Projection – Posted 9/27/2018

2021 Home Health Agency Services Need Projections Summary - Posted 9/27/2018

Non-Batched Need Projections

2023 Long Term Care Hospital Beds - 4/24/2018

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 (1/22/2019))

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).

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 12/21/2018 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.

[PET](#)

[Adult Open Heart](#)

[Mega Voltage Radiation Therapy](#)

[Psych/Substance Abuse](#)

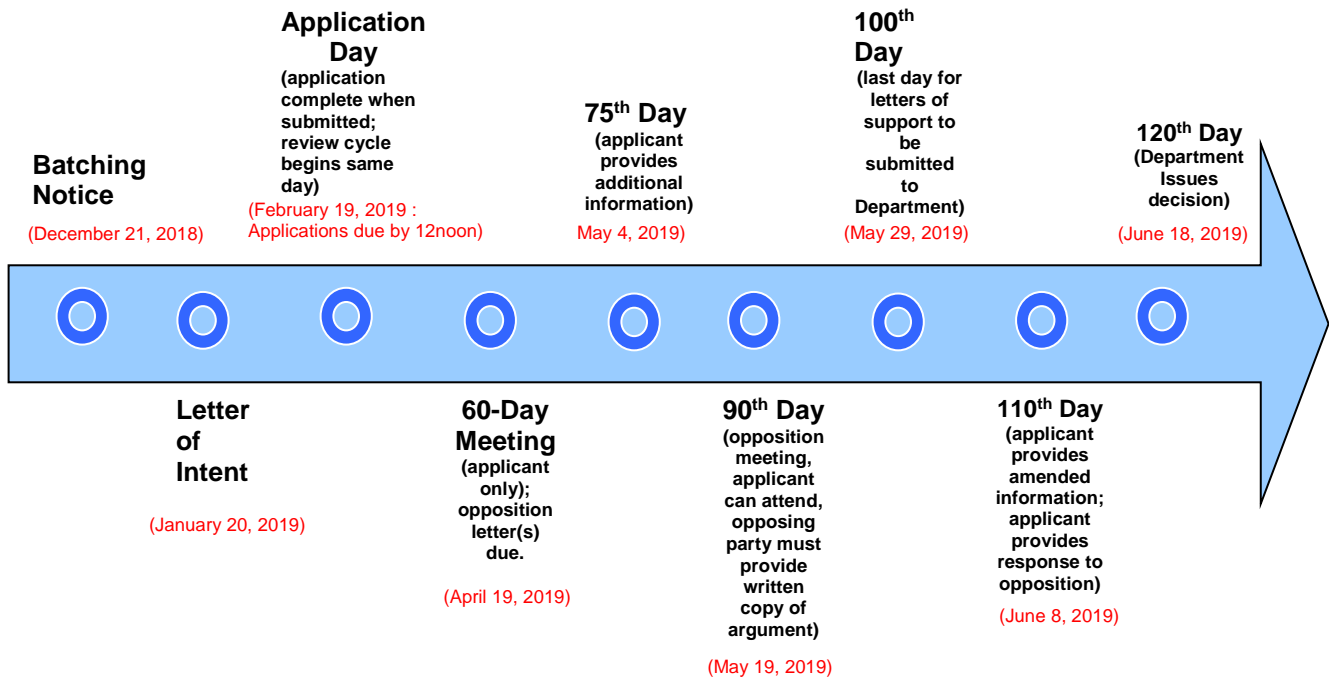
[Pediatric Cath/Open Heart](#)

[Birthing Centers](#)

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

BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

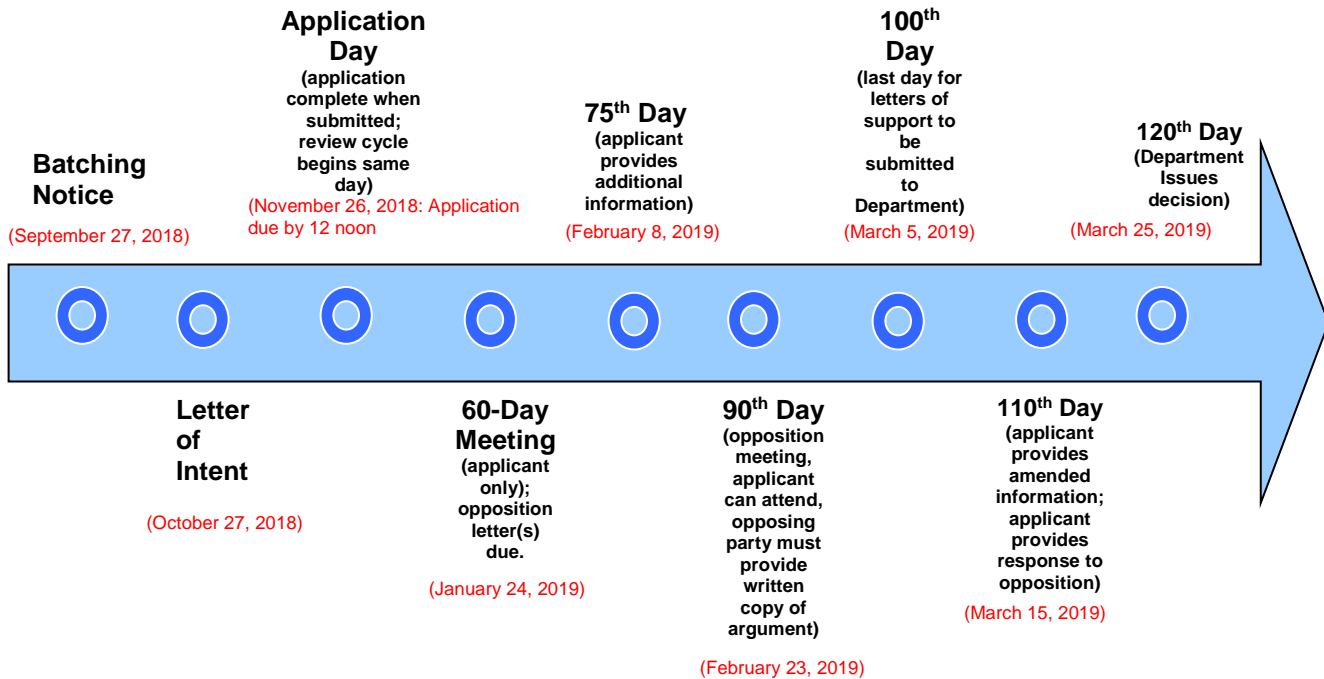
WINTER CYCLE



- ▶ 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)

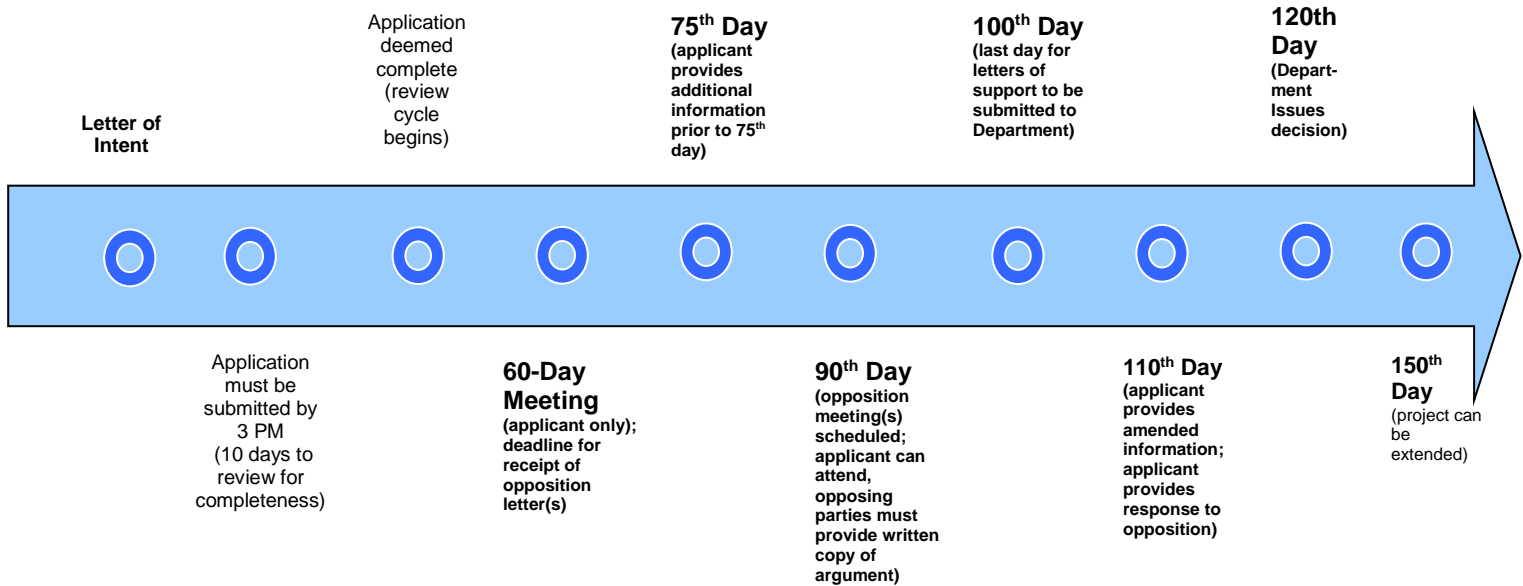
BATCHED APPLICATIONS: SEQUENCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES

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, LNR/DET letters, and other CON related matters please contact Roxana Tatman, Interim Executive Director and Legal Director, Office of Health Planning

(rtatman@dch.ga.gov)

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. 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.

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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