## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HEALTH** 

THE COMMISSIONER

Notice of Certificate of Need Call for New Pediatric Intensive Care Beds

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health, is inviting certificate of need applications on an expedited review basis to establish new pediatric intensive care beds in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:43G-22 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. The call for new pediatric intensive care beds, originally scheduled for September 1, 2016, was postponed because the Department was in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there was a need for new pediatric intensive care beds.

Based on an analysis of utilization data for 2014, 2015, and 2016 and in acknowledgement that pediatric intensive care units are relatively small and there is, therefore, a need for an increase in the number of beds required to ensure proper access during periods of increased need, the Department has determined that there may be a limited need for additional new pediatric intensive care beds. This call is limited to those providers who are currently licensed to provide pediatric intensive care services in Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, and Passaic counties. Accordingly, certificate of need applications for expedited review shall be filed in accordance with the Certificate of Need Application and Review Process, N.J.A.C. 8:33, and shall be in compliance with all applicable planning and licensing rules.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.2(d), certificate of need applications shall be reviewed for conformity with the rules in effect on the date the certificate of need application is deemed complete for processing.

**Geographic areas to be served:** Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, and Passaic counties.

Date application is due: January 2, 2018.

Date completeness review decision is anticipated to be issued: March 2, 2018.