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Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for New Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Severe Behavior Management

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 3, 2017, call for certificate of need applications for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33H-1.6 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., is hereby postponed. In accordance with departmental procedures as set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), the Department will be unable to provide sufficient advance notice to potential certificate of need applicants and interested parties to either prepare their respective certificate of need applications for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management or respond to such applications. In addition, the Department is in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there is currently a need for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management. Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior management to allow the Department sufficient time to complete its evaluation of need, and to provide potential applicants and affected parties sufficient time to respond appropriately to a certificate of need call notice in the event the Department determines that a call is appropriate. If the Department proceeds with the call, then a call for new specialized long-term care beds for severe behavior

management will be published in the New Jersey Register that will provide the necessary time for both potential applicants and interested parties to respond to the future call notice. In the alternative, if the determination is made to cancel the call, then the Department will publish a cancellation notice in the New Jersey Register.