

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH

THE COMMISSIONER

**Notice of Certificate of Need Call for Applications for 53 Additional Adult Acute
Care Psychiatric Beds**

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.1(a), Christopher R. Rinn, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), is inviting certificate of need applications on a full review basis to establish 53 new adult acute care psychiatric beds in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:43G-26 and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.

Using a bed need methodology developed by the Department to determine the unmet need for additional adult acute care psychiatric beds throughout the State, the Department issued an invitation for certificate of need applications in the February 21, 2017 New Jersey Register for 864 additional adult acute care psychiatric beds in 14 counties. See 49 N.J.R. 344(a). The Department received 30 applications on May 1, 2017, and on November 17, 2017, Acting Commissioner Rinn granted certificates of need to 26 applicants for a total of 811 adult acute care psychiatric beds.

To satisfy the remaining unmet need for beds, the Department hereby invites certificate of need applications for new adult acute care psychiatric beds in the following counties:

Geographic Area to be Served	Additional Psych Beds Needed	Additional Psych Beds Awarded in Response to the 2/21/17 Call	Remaining Unmet Need for Psych Beds
Hunterdon	26	3	23
Morris	99	94	5
Warren	34	9	25
Totals	159	106	53

An applicant may apply for some or all of the beds allocated to the applicant's county, or any other county whether contiguous or not. Any applicant that is proposing to meet the need of one of the three counties designated above by providing services in a county that is not the designated county must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department how it intends to ensure that residents from the designated county will have access to outpatient mental health and co-occurring substance use disorder services in the counties in which they reside.

It should be noted that any licensed acute care psychiatric bed can be used for patients who have mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders.

Each application must designate how many open beds and how many closed beds the applicant is seeking, and must demonstrate why the proposed allocation of beds is appropriate.

Certificate of need applications shall be filed in accordance with the Certificate of Need Application Process, N.J.A.C. 8:33, and shall be in compliance with all statutory provisions (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.) and all applicable planning and licensing rules and regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:43G-26). In addition, all applications submitted in response to

this Call shall follow the instructions set forth in the Department's "Guidance Document Regarding Certificate of Need Call for Applications for Adult Acute Care Psychiatric Beds," which is posted on the Department's website at

http://www.nj.gov/health/legal/documents/guidance_cn_psych_call.pdf.

Applicants must demonstrate that, if approved, all beds can be licensed within two years of CN approval. In addition, applicants must acknowledge that, if approved, they will accept a certificate of need condition that requires them to provide up to five percent of annual patient days in each approved bed category to serve Medicaid recipients, and up to another five percent of annual patient days in each approved bed category to serve the uninsured.

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: Hunterdon, Morris, and Warren Counties.

Date application is due: May 1, 2018.

Date completeness review decision is anticipated to be issued: August 1, 2018.

Date State Health Planning Board is anticipated to review the applications and submit recommendations to the Commissioner: October 1, 2018.

Prospective applicants may obtain a certificate of need application for full review on the Department's website at www.nj.gov/health/forms and shall submit the completed application using electronic media and 35 paper copies of the application to:

Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Program

New Jersey Department of Health

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