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Notice of Postponement of Certificate of Need Call for Maternal and Child Health Services

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., Christopher R. Rinn, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the January 2, 2018, call for certificate of need applications for regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33C and N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., is hereby postponed. The call for regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia, originally scheduled for January 3, 2017, was postponed because the Department was in the process of gathering and evaluating data to determine whether there was a need for new regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia.

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 regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia or respond to such applications. In addition, the Department is working with the three maternal and child health consortia to gather and evaluate data to determine whether there is currently a need for regionalized perinatal services and additional maternal and child health consortia. Accordingly, it is necessary to delay the call for

regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia 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 regionalized perinatal services and maternal and child health consortia 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.