

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HEALTH**

**THE COMMISSIONER**

**Notice of Postponement 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. (P.L. 1971, c. 136, as amended), and N.J.A.C. 8:33, Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health (Department), hereby publishes notice that the September 1, 2023, call for certificate of need (CN) applications for new pediatric intensive care beds, is hereby postponed.

On October 2, 2017, the Department issued a certificate of need call for pediatric intensive care beds. See 49 N.J.R. 3367(c). In 2018, four facilities were awarded a total of 22 pediatric intensive care beds.

In April and May of 2023, the Department conducted a survey of the facilities that were previously awarded pediatric intensive care beds. The data the Department received from the facilities indicates that there are 22 unimplemented pediatric intensive care beds in various areas throughout the State. Accordingly, due to the fact that these previously awarded, but unimplemented beds could have an impact on a needs assessment, it is necessary to delay the September 1, 2023 call for pediatric intensive care beds at this time.

This postponement will allow the Department sufficient time to complete its evaluation of need, and to also 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 pediatric intensive care unit beds will be published in an upcoming publication of the New Jersey Register, providing the necessary time for both potential applicants and interested parties to respond to the 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.