

i. In order to maintain approval of a bloodless surgical demonstration project, each general hospital with a bloodless surgical demonstration project shall submit documentation no later than 180 days following the effective date of such rules demonstrating that its bloodless surgical demonstration project is in compliance with the new or additional standards set forth by the Department.

ii. A hospital that fails to submit documentation of its compliance with the new standards, or that otherwise fails to comply with the new or additional standards shall cease its bloodless surgical demonstration project within 30 days following the date of written notice from the Commissioner of the general hospital's failure to comply, except with respect to follow-up care and discharge planning for current patients participating in the bloodless surgical demonstration projects, and shall provide all necessary assistance to physicians and their patients in locating another hospital with an approved bloodless surgical program.

(e) The Commissioner may issue a call for demonstrations, not specifically identified in this section.

1. Such call will be activated upon public notice by the Commissioner inviting certificate of need applications for the specific service and published in the New Jersey Register no less than 45 days prior to the date the application is required to be filed.

2. Unless otherwise specified in these and other applicable rules, each demonstration application shall include the following:

i. Documentation of exactly what is proposed to be demonstrated;

ii. Patient care policies used as part of the demonstration, including criteria for inclusion/exclusion in the demonstration;

iii. Proposed staff and staff qualifications for the demonstration;

iv. Written documentation that otherwise eligible patients will be accepted into the demonstration regardless of ability to pay;

v. Documentation of what data will be collected to evaluate the demonstration project; and

vi. Written assurances that all data collected to evaluate the demonstration project shall be reported to the Department in accordance with requirements specified by the Department.

3. In the case of a demonstration that involves the addition of new beds or services otherwise subject to certificate of need, the applications shall be subject to review by the State Health Planning Board.

4. All demonstrations shall be approved for a period not to exceed two years unless otherwise specified in the call notice.

5. Approved demonstrations shall receive licensure approval from the Department to operate the service for the time period specified in the call notice plus the evaluation period specified by the Department in its approval letter, provided all applicable licensure standards are met.

i. All applicants for demonstrations shall be notified in writing by the Department as to whether they shall be permitted continued operation of the service that is the subject of the demonstration within 60 days of the expiration date of the demonstration license;

ii. Where the Department denies continuance of the demonstration project past the originally approved deadline, as set forth in (e)4 above, the demonstration project shall cease operating not later than 30 days after receipt of the written denial notice by the Department. Operators of denied demonstration projects shall have the right to appeal the Department's denial. A Notice of Appeal shall be sent to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the Department's denial notice. The appeal process shall comply with the requirements set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and 52:14F-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1.

6. All applicants, through a resolution of its Board of Directors, shall acknowledge and accept the standards and criteria set forth for the demonstration as conditions of approval and agree to be bound thereto.

Amended by R.1998 d.303, effective June 15, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 303(a), 30 N.J.R. 2270(b).

Inserted (a) and (b).

Amended by R.1999 d.272, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 950(a), 31 N.J.R. 2375(a).

Added (d).

Amended by R.2002 d.243, effective August 5, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 458(a), 34 N.J.R. 2814(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 4. THE REVIEW PROCESS

8:33-4.1 Review cycles and submission dates

(a) The full review process involves the review of a certificate of need application by the State Health Planning Board, as well as the Department. The Commissioner shall publish in the New Jersey Register in February of each year an anticipated schedule for receipt of certificate of need applications subject to full review procedures for a two-year period, including the current calendar year. The Commissioner may announce additional or special calls for certificate of need applications beyond those identified in the

yearly notice or may delete announced calls from the yearly notice. Changes to the published schedule shall be published in the New Jersey Register. Wherever practical, the Commissioner shall provide notice in accordance with this section to allow for a minimum of 90 days between the date of publication of the Commissioner's notice inviting certificate of need applications and the date for submission of applications in response to the notice(s). The notice shall identify the needed service(s), proposed geographic area(s) to be served, the date the application is due, and the date the application is deemed complete for processing. The State Health Planning Board shall forward recommendations to the Commissioner within 90 days after the application is deemed complete for processing unless a fair hearing is requested by an applicant in accordance with the procedures identified at N.J.A.C. 8:33-4.14. For batches with fewer than 20 applications, a final agency decision will be rendered by the Commissioner no later than 120 days after receipt of recommendations from the State Health Planning Board or a decision from the Office of Administrative Law, as applicable. For batches with 20 or more applications, a final agency decision will be rendered by the Commissioner no later than 180 days after receipt of recommendations from the State Health Planning Board or a decision from the Office of Administrative Law, as applicable.

1. The full review process for non-batched applications shall include 12 review cycles. The beginning of each cycle shall be the first business day of each month.

2. The full review process for batched applications shall be in accordance with the following schedule, except that if the first of the month the application is due falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday, the application shall be filed the first business day of the month in which the application is due:

| Category | Deadline for Submission |
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| Long-term care, specialized ventilator | 1/2/03 and annually thereafter |
| Long-term care, specialized behavior modification | 1/2/03 ⁴ |
| Long-term care, pediatric | 1/2/03 ⁴ |
| Maternal and child health | 1/2/03 ⁴ |
| Pediatric intensive care | 9/1/02 ⁴ |
| Psychiatric beds | 2/1/03 and every two years thereafter |
| Rehabilitation beds | 3/1/03 ⁴ |
| Children's hospitals | 4/1/04 and every three years thereafter |
| Transplantation | 4/1/04 ⁴ |
| Mobile intensive care unit | 6/1/04 ⁴ |
| Trauma | 6/1/04 ⁴ |
| Long-term care, general | 7/1/04 ⁴ |
| Home health | 7/1/04 ⁴ |
| Burn center, program, unit | 4/1/06 and every five years thereafter |
| New general hospitals | 4/1/06 ⁴ |

3. Acceptance of batched applications submitted in accordance with the schedule in (a)2 above does not constitute a finding by the Department of need for the additional beds or services proposed in the application(s).

4. For services with longer than annual submission schedules, the Commissioner may announce special calls for receipt of certificate of need batched applications upon making a finding of extraordinary circumstances that warrant such a call prior to the next scheduled submission date.

5. The Department shall review the schedule in (a)2 above for adequacy at least every five years.

6. New cardiac surgery services shall follow the procedures specified at N.J.A.C. 8:33E.

(b) The expedited review process involves review of a certificate of need application by the Department. It does not include a review by the State Health Planning Board. The expedited review process will include 12 review cycles. The beginning of each cycle shall be the first business day of each month and a decision the Commissioner shall render shall be rendered by the Commissioner no later than 90 days thereafter, unless otherwise specified by rule or notice.

(c) The Department shall conduct an annual review of the certificate of need application and review process to determine timeliness in processing certificate of need applications. Failure by the Department to process at least 90 percent of certificate of need applications filed within the year within the timeframes stated herein shall result in immediate corrective action.

Public Notice: Invitation for Certificate of Need Applications

See: 24 N.J.R. 4426(b); 25 N.J.R. 2596(c); 25 N.J.R. 4520(b), 25 N.J.R. 4795(e).

Amended by R.1993 d.442, effective September 7, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2171(a), 25 N.J.R. 4129(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.101, effective February 20, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4179(a), 28 N.J.R. 1228(a).

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See: 34 N.J.R. 2473(a).

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See: 34 N.J.R. 458(a), 34 N.J.R. 2814(a).

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Public Notice: Invitation for Certificate of Need Applications.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3991(b).

Case Notes

Commissioner of Health failed to comply with procedural requirements in granting certificate of need. Matter of Bloomingdale Convalescent Center, 233 N.J.Super. 46, 558 A.2d 19 (A.D.1989).

Reliance on ranking of local advisory board to approve application for certificate of need with highest priority was not unreasonable. Application of Staff Builders Services, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (HLT) 30.

8:33-4.2 Development of applications

(a) Application for a certificate of need shall be made to the Department, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, and shall be in such form and contain such information as the Department may prescribe.

(b) Before filing an application, applicants are encouraged to contact the Department to examine the relationship of the proposed project to the applicable plans, guidelines, and criteria.