

Certificate of Need Update

March 2009

The Certificate of Need process is the state's only regulatory mechanism aimed at controlling the development of new health care facilities and services. The purpose of the law is to see that health services are adequately distributed around the state without unnecessary duplication of services or excessive costs to patients.

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Letters of Intent

Samaritan Albany General Hospital, Albany, proposes to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Albany. On March 5, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. It is anticipated that the applicant will be seeking an expedited review of this project.

East Cascade Retirement LLC, Wilsonville, proposes to relocate nursing facility beds from Mt. View Hospital to its campus in Madras. On February 20, 2009, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need Law. It is anticipated that the applicant will be seeking an expedited review of this project.

Applications under Review

Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC, proposes to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Columbia Health District, St. Helens, proposes to establish a new 12-bed hospital in St. Helens. On December 3, 2008, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

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