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Certificate of Need Update

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 necessary duplication of services or excessive costs to patients.

For information concerning the Certificate of Need program, contact Jana Fussell, Certificate of Need Coordinator, Department of Human Services, 800 NE Oregon Street Suite 930, Portland, OR 97232. Telephone: (971) 673-1108.

Letters of Intent

Columbia Health District, St. Helens, proposes to develop a new hospital in St. Helens. On May 29, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law.

Laurelhurst Village, LLC, proposes to relocate 47 licensed nursing facility beds to a new skilled nursing facility building. On June 5, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. Laurelhurst Village is also remodeling a part of its current physical plant and will locate 72 nursing beds in such remodeled space. The department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Samaritan Albany General Hospital, Albany, proposes to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility. On June 18, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. Once the department receives the necessary materials and information from the applicant, a determination will be made whether this project is eligible to proceed under the abbreviated review process.

Applications under Review

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open an 82-bed psychiatric hospital in Beaverton. On July 9, 2007, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

Avamere Health Services, Wilsonville, proposes to develop a 50-bed long term acute care hospital which would provide diagnostic and medical treatment to patients with chronic diseases or complex medical conditions. The facility would seek licensure as a general acute care hospital. On April 17, 2006, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

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