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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 unnecessary duplication of services or excessive costs to patients.

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Letters of Intent

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to develop a 41-bed closed system long-term care facility operated by a continuing care retirement community. On January 23, 2008, this project was ruled not subject to certificate of need review. These beds will only be for the use of residents of the continuing care community and are not subject to review under ORS 101.090.

Applications under Review

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open a 77-bed psychiatric hospital in unincorporated Washington County. On November 7, 2007, this application was ruled to be complete. The date by which a proposed order is due for this application has been extended from February 5, 2008 to March 19, 2008 in order to allow the department to review additional information that has been submitted by the applicant.

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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