



# April



## 2008 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.

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

**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 will rule on this letter of intent no later than April 14, 2008.

**Samaritan Albany General Hospital**, Albany, proposes to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than April 10, 2008.

### Applications under Review

**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.

## **Decisions**

**Ascend Health Corporation**, a Delaware based company, was issued a proposed order with conditions on March 19, 2008, granting approval for a 36-bed psychiatric hospital to be located in unincorporated Washington County. On March 31, 2008, an affected party requested an informal hearing on this decision.

*If you no longer want to receive the monthly Certificate of Need Update, please email your request to [michelle.c.helmig@state.or.us](mailto:michelle.c.helmig@state.or.us)*