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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.

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

Hospice & Palliative Care of Washington County, Hillsboro, proposes to open a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Hillsboro. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than December 18, 2007.

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 Department expects to issue a proposed decision no later than February 5, 2008. A public meeting was held on this application on November 28, 2007.

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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