



JUNE 2007 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.

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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. The department will rule on this letter of intent no later than June 19, 2007.

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open a behavioral healthcare hospital in Beaverton. On January 5, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law.

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.

Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany, Wilsonville, proposes to relocate 29 nursing facility beds from King City Rehabilitation Center to Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany which is located at 16360 NW Avamere Court, Portland. Both facilities are located in Washington County. On August 18, 2006, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

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