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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.

Applications under Review

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open a 78-bed psychiatric hospital in Beaverton. On September 6, 2007 and September 20, 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.

Decisions

Laurelhurst Village, LLC, dba Laurelhurst Village, was issued a proposed order on September 12, 2007 approving its proposal to relocate 47 licensed nursing facility beds to a new skilled nursing facility building. Laurelhurst Village is also remodeling a part of its current physical plant and will locate 72 nursing beds in that remodeled space.

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