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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, Portland, OR 97232. Telephone: (971) 673-1108.

Letters of Intent

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.

Decisions

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals was issued a proposed order with conditions on January 25, 2007, approving its proposal to construct a 138-bed general acute care hospital to be located in Hillsboro.

McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, Springfield, was issued a final order with conditions on October 20, 2006, approving its proposal to construct a 148-bed general acute care hospital to be located at the site now occupied by the River Ridge Golf Complex in north Eugene. On December 18, 2006, an affected party, North Delta Neighbors, requested a contested case hearing on this decision.

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