



# January 2007

## Certificate of Need Update

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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. The department will rule on this letter of intent no later than January 5, 2007.

**Farmington Centers**, Portland, proposes an extensive building project at Laurelhurst Village. On May 25, 2006, Farmington Centers was again notified that its letter of intent contains insufficient information to make a determination if this project is subject to the 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.

**Kaiser Foundation Hospitals** proposes to construct a 138-bed general acute care hospital to be located in Hillsboro. On October 27, 2006, this application was ruled to be complete. The Department expects to issue a proposed decision on this application no later than January 25, 2007.

**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**

**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. Approval of this application is conditioned on the applicant obtaining all zoning and land use approvals necessary to operate the hospital at this location, and on inpatient hospital services no longer being provided at the present site of McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center once the new hospital is licensed. On December 18, 2006, an affected party, North Delta Neighbors, requested a contested case hearing on this decision.

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