

## Special Documents

### SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEWS CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following schedule for the review of applications for Certificates of Need ("CON") for interested members of the public and acute care general hospital seeking to add cardiac surgery services. An applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is consistent with the general criteria for CON review set forth at COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3). This CON review schedule updates and extends the schedules published in the *Maryland Register* on Friday, October 3, 2014 and on Friday, August 8, 2014. This review schedule is not a solicitation by the Commission for CON applications, and it does not indicate that additional capacity is needed or that CON applications submitted will be approved by the Commission. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their development plans and projects with the Commission staff prior to filing Letters of Intent or applications.

Letters of Intent and applications for scheduled reviews may only be received and reviewed according to these published schedules. All Letters of Intent and CON applications, including all of the required number of copies of CON applications, must be received at the offices of the **Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, no later than 4:30 p.m.** on the scheduled date of submission. For further information about the review schedules or procedures, call Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need, at (410) 764-5982.

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Baltimore Upper Shore <sup>1</sup>	December 5, 2014	December 17, 2014	February 20, 2015
Metropolitan Washington <sup>2</sup>	February 6, 2015	February 18, 2015	April 10, 2015
Eastern (Lower Shore)	December 4, 2015	December 16, 2015	February 19, 2016
Western	December 4, 2015	December 16, 2015	February 19, 2016

<sup>1</sup>No additional reviews will be scheduled for the Baltimore Upper Shore region until completion of the review that follows letters of intent submitted December 5, 2014.

<sup>2</sup>If no letters of intent are filed on February 6, 2015, the schedule for review of applications for the Metropolitan Washington region is the same as for the Eastern (Lower Shore) and Western regions.

#### Maryland Jurisdictions Included in Region Definitions

**Baltimore Upper Shore:** Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties, and Baltimore City.

**Eastern (Lower Shore):** Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

**Metropolitan Washington:** Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties.

**Western:** Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

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