SCHEDULES FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following schedules to interested members of the public and sponsors of health care facility and service projects subject to Certificate of Need ("CON") review and approval.

The general criteria for Certificate of Need review are set forth at COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3). An applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is consistent with these review criteria. It will be noted that the first criterion is evaluation of the project according to all relevant State Health Plan standards, policies and criteria.

This Certificate of Need review schedule updates the schedule published in the Maryland Register, Volume 43, Issue 23, pages 1323—1236 (November 14, 2016). This review schedule is not a solicitation by the Commission for Certificate of Need applications, and does not indicate, in itself, that additional capacity is needed in services subject to Certificate of Need review, or that Certificate of Need applications submitted for the services described 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 Certificate of Need 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. Letters of intent for projects not covered by this review schedule may be filed at any time.

For further information about review schedules or procedures, call Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need, at (410) 764-5982.

The Commission will use the following regional configuration of jurisdictions for the General Hospital Project, Special Hospital Project, Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Project, and Schedule Two Comprehensive Care Facility Project Review Schedules:

Western Maryland: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington	**Central Maryland:** Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Baltimore City
Eastern Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester	**Montgomery & Southern Maryland:** Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's

General Hospital Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of Certificate of Need applications by general hospitals, for projects that involve: (1) capital expenditures by or on behalf of general hospitals that exceed the applicable capital expenditure threshold referenced at COMAR 10.24.01.02A(5); (2) proposed changes in bed capacity or operating room capacity at existing hospitals; (3) the relocation of a general hospital; and/or (4) a change in the type or scope of any health care service offered by a general hospital, as specified at COMAR 10.24.01.02A, except for neonatal intensive care. Please note that the following schedule does not apply to a project to establish a new general hospital.

Schedule One:
All General Hospital Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
Central Maryland	June 2, 2017	June 14, 2017	August 4, 2017
Eastern Shore	July 7, 2017	July 19, 2017	September 8, 2017
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 4, 2017	August 16, 2017	October 6, 2017

Schedule Two:
All General Hospital Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	November 3, 2017	November 15, 2017	January 5, 2018
Central Maryland	December 1, 2017	December 13, 2017	February 2, 2108
Eastern Shore	January 5, 2018	January 17, 2018	March 9, 2018
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 2, 2108	February 14, 2018	April 6, 2018

Special Hospital Projects (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of Certificate of Need applications by special hospitals, for projects that involve: (1) capital expenditures by or on behalf of special hospitals that exceed the applicable capital expenditure threshold referenced at COMAR 10.24.01.02A(5); (2) proposed changes in bed capacity at existing hospitals; (3) the relocation of a special hospital; and/or (4) a change in the type or scope of any health care service offered by a special hospital, as specified at COMAR 10.24.01.02A. Please note that the following schedule does not apply to a project to establish a new special hospital.

Schedule One
Special Hospitals (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	June 2, 2017	June 14, 2017	August 4, 2017
Central Maryland	July 7, 2017	July 19, 2017	September 8, 2017
Eastern Shore	August 4, 2017	August 16, 2017	October 6, 2017

Schedule Two
Special Hospital Projects (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	November 3, 2017	November 15, 2017	January 5, 2018
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	January 5, 2018	January 17, 2018	March 9, 2018
Central Maryland	February 2, 2108	February 14, 2018	April 6, 2018
Eastern Shore	March 2, 2018	March 14, 2018	May 4, 2018

Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of applications to establish freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities, add operating rooms at an existing freestanding ambulatory surgical facility, or make a capital expenditure by or on behalf of a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility that requires Certificate of Need review and approval. The definition of freestanding ambulatory surgical facility can be found at Health-General Article §19-114(b).

Schedule One
Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
Central Maryland	June 2, 2017	June 14, 2017	August 4, 2017
Eastern Shore	July 7, 2017	July 19, 2017	September 8, 2017
Western Maryland	August 4, 2017	August 16, 2017	October 6, 2017

Schedule Two
Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	November 3, 2017	November 15, 2017	January 5, 2018
Central Maryland	December 1, 2017	December 13, 2017	February 2, 2108
Eastern Shore	January 5, 2018	January 17, 2018	March 9, 2018
Western Maryland	February 2, 2108	February 14, 2018	April 6, 2018

Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following two schedules for Certificate of Need review of proposed projects affecting comprehensive care facilities ("CCFs"). Schedule One identifies the review cycles for proposals involving the addition of CCF beds in Maryland jurisdictions in which the most recent State Health Plan need projection (COMAR 10.24.08, effective October 3, 2014) identifies a net need for beds in the forecast year of 2016 and for which no letters of intent or applications have been filed.. Persons interested in submitting Certificate of Need applications involving the addition of beds in these jurisdictions should contact the Maryland Health Care Commission to ascertain the current level of net bed need, if any, identified for these jurisdictions prior to the filing of a Certificate of Need application. Schedule Two establishes submission dates for Certificate of Need applications related to all other CCF projects that do not involve an increase in CCF bed capacity in a jurisdiction. These include projects that involve a proposed capital expenditure for new construction or renovation at an existing CCF, the relocation of an existing facility, or the proposed relocation of some or all of the CCF bed capacity from an existing facility to a new site within the same jurisdiction.

Schedule One
Projects Proposing New Comprehensive Care Facility Beds

Jurisdiction	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Howard County	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
St. Mary's County	July 6, 2017	July18, 2017	September 7, 2017
Queen Anne's County	August 3, 2017	August 15, 2017	October 5, 2017
Worcester County	September 7 , 2017	September 19, 2017	November 9, 2017

Schedule One
Part B: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Eastern Shore	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
Western Maryland	June 2, 2017	June 14, 2017	August 4, 2017
Central Maryland	August 4, 2017	August 16, 2017	October 6, 2017
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	September 8, 2017	September 20, 2017	November 10, 2017

Schedule Two
Part A: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Eastern Shore	November 3, 2017	November 15, 2017	January 5, 2018
Western Maryland	December 1, 2017	December 13, 2017	February 2, 2108
Central Maryland	February 2, 2108	February 14, 2018	April 6, 2018
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	March 2, 2018	March 14, 2018	May 4, 2018

Freestanding Medical Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following statewide schedule for Certificate of Need review of proposed projects to establish or relocate freestanding medical facilities (FMFs) and proposed capital expenditures by or on behalf of FMFs that require CON review and approval. Please note that these schedules do not apply to the filing of a request for an Exemption from Certificate of Need by a general hospital seeking to convert to a freestanding medical facility.

Schedule One
Freestanding Medical Facility Projects

Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
June 23, 2017	July 10, 2017	August 25, 2017

Schedule Two
Freestanding Medical Facility Projects

Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
December 1, 2017	December 11, 2017	February 2, 2018

Home Health Agency Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following regional schedule for Certificate of Need review of proposed projects to establish new home health agencies or expand existing home health agencies into jurisdictions which the agency has not previously been authorized to serve. Persons interested in submitting Certificate of Need applications for home health agency projects should refer to the *State Health Plan for Facilities and Services: Home Health Agency Services, COMAR 10.24.16*, effective April 11, 2016. CON application acceptance rules including types of applicants which may apply as well as performance-related qualifications may be found in COMAR 10.24.16.06. Interested persons may consult the Maryland Health Care Commission's website at www.mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hcfs/hcfs_con/hcfs_con.aspx to learn more about eligibility qualification for CON applicants.

The Commission will use the following regional configuration of jurisdictions for the Home Health Agency Project Reviews:

Lower Eastern Shore: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester	**Southern Maryland:** Calvert and St. Mary's

Schedule
Home Health Agency Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Southern Maryland	May 5, 2017	May 17, 2017	July 7, 2017
Lower Eastern Shore	July 7, 2017	July 19, 2017	September 8, 2017

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