

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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. Not every type of project subject to the requirements of CON review and approval is included in this review schedule. In these cases, persons seeking CON approval for a project may file a letter of intent at any time. (See COMAR 10.24.01.07 and .08 for additional information on CON application filing and project review.)

The general criteria for Certificate of Need review are set forth at COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3). It will be noted that the first criterion is evaluation of the project according to all relevant State Health Plan standards, policies, and criteria. State Health Plan regulations can be accessed at https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hcfs/hcfs_shp/hcfs_shp.aspx

This Certificate of Need review schedule updates the schedule published in the *Maryland Register*, Volume 48, Issue 15, pages 617-619 (July 16, 2021). This review schedule is not a solicitation by the Commission for Certificate of Need applications, and does not indicate, in and of 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 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, contact Wynnee Hawk, Chief, Certificate of Need, at (410) 764-5982 or wynnee.hawk1@maryland.gov.

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:

<u>Western Maryland:</u> Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington	<u>Central Maryland:</u> Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Harford, and Howard
<u>Eastern Shore:</u> Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester	<u>Montgomery & Southern Maryland:</u> 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; (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 establishment of a new general hospital.

Schedule One All General Hospital Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022
Western Maryland	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Central Maryland	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 9, 2022
Eastern Shore	November 4, 2022	November 16, 2022	January 6, 2023

Schedule Two All General Hospital Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 3, 2023	February 15, 2023	April 7, 2023
Western Maryland	March 3, 2023	March 15, 2023	May 5, 2023
Central Maryland	April 7, 2023	April 19, 2023	June 9, 2023
Eastern Shore	May 5, 2023	May 17, 2023	July 7, 2023

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; (2) proposed changes in bed capacity at existing special 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 establishment of 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
Central Maryland	August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022
Eastern Shore	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 9, 2022
Western Maryland	November 4, 2022	November 16, 2022	January 6, 2023

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

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Central Maryland	February 3, 2023	February 15, 2023	April 7, 2023
Eastern Shore	March 3, 2023	March 15, 2023	May 5, 2023
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	April 7, 2023	April 19, 2023	June 9, 2023
Western Maryland	May 5, 2023	May 17, 2023	July 7, 2023

Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of Certificate of Need applications to establish freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities, add operating rooms at an existing freestanding ambulatory surgical facility, or make a capital expenditure by a hospital for a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility project 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
Central Maryland	August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022
Eastern Shore	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 9, 2022
Western Maryland	November 4, 2022	November 16, 2022	January 6, 2023

**Schedule Two
Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects**

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Central Maryland	February 3, 2023	February 15, 2023	April 7, 2023
Eastern Shore	March 3, 2023	March 15, 2023	May 5, 2023
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	April 7, 2023	April 19, 2023	June 9, 2023
Western Maryland	May 5, 2023	May 17, 2023	July 7, 2023

Comprehensive Care Facility/Nursing Home Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following two schedules for Certificate of Need review of proposed projects affecting comprehensive care facilities (“CCFs”) or nursing homes. Schedule One identifies the review cycles for proposals involving the addition of CCF beds in Maryland jurisdictions in which the most recent bed need projection published in the Maryland Register identifies a net need for beds in the forecast year 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 the jurisdiction in which the project is located. These include projects that relocate an existing facility or, in effect, relocate 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
Charles County	August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022
Howard County	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Prince George's County	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 3, 2022

**Schedule Two
A: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects**

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022
Western Maryland	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Central Maryland	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 9, 2022
Eastern Shore	November 4, 2022	November 16, 2022	January 6, 2023

**Schedule Two
B: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects**

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 3, 2023	February 15, 2023	April 7, 2023
Western Maryland	March 3, 2023	March 15, 2023	May 5, 2023
Central Maryland	April 7, 2023	April 19, 2023	June 9, 2023
Eastern Shore	May 5, 2023	May 17, 2023	July 7, 2023

Freestanding Medical Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following statewide schedule for Certificate of Need review of proposed projects by general hospitals to establish or relocate freestanding medical facilities (FMFs) and proposed capital expenditures by hospitals for FMF projects that exceed the applicable capital expenditure threshold. 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
August 5, 2022	August 17, 2022	October 7, 2022

Cardiac Surgery Services

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following schedule for the review of applications for Certificates of Need ("CON") by general hospitals seeking to introduce cardiac surgery services. 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. Please note that there is no scheduled review cycle for the Baltimore/Upper Shore region because the applicable State Health Plan, COMAR 10.24.17, states that, "a new cardiac surgery program will only be considered in a health planning region if the most recently approved program in the health planning region has been in operation for at least three years." The most recently approved program in this region initiated operation in December, 2020.

Region Definitions

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

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

Western Region: Allegany, Garrett, and Washington.

**Schedule One
Cardiac Surgery Services**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Metropolitan Washington	September 2, 2022	September 14, 2022	November 4, 2022
Eastern (Lower Shore)	October 7, 2022	October 19, 2022	December 9, 2022

Western	November 4, 2022	November 16, 2022	January 6, 2023
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**Schedule Two
Cardiac Surgery Services**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Metropolitan Washington	February 3, 2023	February 15, 2023	April 7, 2023
Eastern (Lower Shore)	March 3, 2023	March 15, 2023	May 5, 2023
Western	April 7, 2023	April 19, 2023	June 9, 2023

Home Health Agency Projects

There are no scheduled CON review cycles for Home Health Agency applicants at this time. Two review cycles established in 2021 are currently underway with applications filed in 2022.