

# Special Documents



## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION SCHEDULES FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW

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This Certificate of Need review schedule updates the schedule published in the *Maryland Register*, Volume 45, Issue 10, pages 547-550 (May, 11, 2018) and *Maryland Register*, Volume 45, Issue 13, pages 681-682 (June 22, 2018). 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 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:

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

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**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	November 2, 2018	November 14, 2018	January 4, 2019
Central Maryland	December 7, 2018	December 19, 2018	February 8, 2019
Eastern Shore	January 4, 2019	January 16, 2019	March 8, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019

**Schedule Two  
All General Hospital Projects**

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	May 10, 2019	May 22, 2019	July 12, 2019
Central Maryland	June 7, 2019	June 19, 2019	August 9, 2019
Eastern Shore	July 12, 2019	July 31, 2019	September 13, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 2, 2019	August 14, 2019	October 4, 2019

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

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedule 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	November 2, 2018	November 14, 2018	January 4, 2019
Central Maryland	January 4, 2019	January 16, 2019	March 8, 2019
Eastern Shore	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	March 1, 2019	March 13, 2019	May 3, 2019

**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	May 10, 2019	May 22, 2019	July 12, 2019
Central Maryland	June 7, 2019	June 19, 2019	August 9, 2019
Eastern Shore	July 12, 2019	July 31, 2019	September 13, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 2, 2019	August 14, 2019	October 4, 2019

**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 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**  
**Projects Proposing New Comprehensive Care Facility Beds**

Jurisdiction	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
St. Mary's County	November 2, 2018	November 14, 2018	January 4, 2019
Queen Anne's County	December 7, 2018	December 19, 2018	February 8, 2019
Worcester County	January 4, 2019	January 16, 2019	March 8, 2019
Harford County	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019

**Schedule One**  
**Part B: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects**

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Eastern Shore	November 2, 2018	November 14, 2018	January 4, 2019
Western Maryland	December 7, 2018	December 19, 2018	February 8, 2019
Central Maryland	January 4, 2019	January 16, 2019	March 8, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019

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

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	May 10, 2019	May 22, 2019	July 12, 2019
Central Maryland	June 7, 2019	June 19, 2019	August 9, 2019
Eastern Shore	July 12, 2019	July 31, 2019	September 13, 2019
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	August 2, 2019	August 14, 2019	October 4, 2019

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**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
December 7, 2018	December 19, 2018	February 8, 2019

**Schedule Two  
Freestanding Medical Facility Projects**

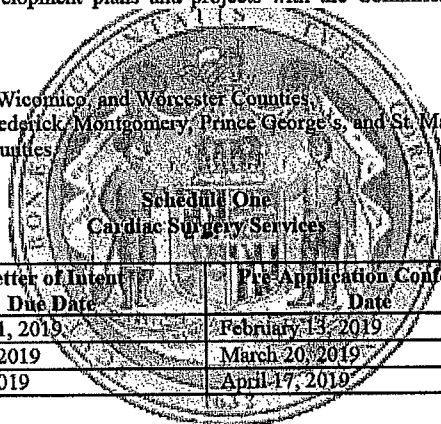
Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
June 7, 2019	June 12, 2019	August 9, 2019

**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. 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 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.

**Region Definitions**

**Eastern (Lower Shore):** Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.  
**Metropolitan Washington:** Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties, and the District of Columbia.  
**Western:** Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.



Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Metropolitan Washington	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019
Eastern (Lower Shore)	March 8, 2019	March 20, 2019	May 10, 2019
Western	April 5, 2019	April 17, 2019	June 7, 2019

**Schedule Two  
Cardiac Surgery Services**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Metropolitan Washington	September 6, 2019	September 18, 2019	November 8, 2019
Eastern (Lower Shore)	October 4, 2019	October 16, 2019	December 6, 2019
Western	November 1, 2019	November 13, 2019	January 4, 2020

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This Certificate of Need review schedule updates the Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects schedule published in the *Maryland Register*, Volume 45, Issue 20, pages 956-957 (September 28, 2018). All other schedules published on September 29, 2018 remain in effect. This review schedule is not a solicitation by the Commission for Certificate of Need applications, and does not indicate 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.

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#### Schedule One Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	February 1, 2019	February 13, 2019	April 5, 2019
Eastern Shore	April 5, 2019	April 17, 2019	June 7, 2019
Western Maryland	May 3, 2019	May 15, 2019	July 5, 2019
Central Maryland	June 7, 2019	June 19, 2019	August 9, 2019

#### Schedule Two Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Projects

Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Western Maryland	August 2, 2019	August 14, 2019	October 4, 2019
Central Maryland	October 4, 2019	October 16, 2019	December 6, 2019
Eastern Shore	November 1, 2019	November 13, 2019	January 3, 2020
Montgomery & Southern Maryland	December 6, 2019	December 18, 2019	February 7, 2020

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