

# Special Documents

## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

### SCHEDULES FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following updated schedule 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 is an addendum to the Schedule for Certificate of Need Review published in the *Maryland Register*, Volume 48, Issue 15, pages 617-619 (July 16, 2021). All other schedules published on July 16, 2021 remain in effect. 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 Wynne Hawk, Chief, Certificate of Need, at (410) 764-5982.

#### Home Health Agency Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following 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 to learn more about eligibility qualification for CON applicants at:

[https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hcfs/hcfs\\_homehealth/documents/2022\\_HHA\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/hcfs/hcfs_homehealth/documents/2022_HHA_Guidelines.pdf)

The Commission will use the following regional configuration of jurisdictions, as well as the single jurisdiction, for the Home Health Agency Project Reviews scheduled for 2022:

<b><u>Lower Eastern Shore:</u></b> Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester	<b><u>Single Jurisdiction:</u></b> Carroll County
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#### Schedule Home Health Agency Projects

Jurisdiction/Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Carroll County	February 4, 2022	February 16, 2022	April 8, 2022
Lower Eastern Shore (Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico Counties)	February 11, 2022	February 23, 2022	April 15, 2022