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CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

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CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE
WHAT'S NEW?

1. The Need Determination for Acute Care Beds in Mecklenburg County in the 2009 State Medical Facilities Plan that begins on November 1 has been reduced from 30 to 20 beds.
See <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/2009/revachbedsmech2009.html>
2. The 2009 State Medical Facilities Plan includes revisions to **Policy Gen-3** which applies to certificate of need applications for new healthcare facilities, services, and equipment for which the 2009 SMFP contains a need determination. Applicants must demonstrate conformity with this policy. Please read carefully and answer fully.
See <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/2009/2009plan.pdf>
3. The 2009 State Medical Facilities Plan includes the following revision to **Chapter 3 Certificate of Need Review Categories and Schedule**: all relocations of acute care beds are Category M which occurs only once a year for each Health Service Area. Formerly, the relocation of an acute care facility was a Category I review.
4. The following Certificate of Need rules in 10A NCAC 14C were amended effective February 1, 2009, and were published in the NC Register on February 16:

.1902; .1903; .1904; and .1905	Radiation Therapy Equipment	.2101 and .2103
.2701	Magnetic Resonance Scanner	Surgical Services and Operating Rooms
	.2002	Home Health Services
		.1402
		Neonatal Services

See <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html#tempcert>
5. The proposed amendments of the following rules for psychiatric beds: **10A NCAC 14C .2601 and .2602** were approved by the Rules Review Commission on July 16th. See <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html#permccon>
6. **NEW CON APPLICATIONS Psychiatric Beds Application Form effective for September 1, 2009 Reviews is now available. NEW Rehabilitation Bed Application form is now available effective July 1, 2009 for reviews beginning in the second half of the year.** Also, 1) Acute Beds & Services & Equipment, 2) ORS-GI Endo & Ambulatory Surgery were revised effective 9/1/08. ALL prior applications for these services have been replaced. To receive a copy of the new applications, contact the CON Section (919)855-3873.
7. Dialysis providers seeking to offer home hemodialysis training in existing dialysis facilities must first request a determination from the CON Section as to whether or not the addition of the service requires a certificate of need.
8. Effective October 1, 2007, the General Assembly increased the fees for certificate of need applications. Applications submitted for reviews beginning after October 1, 2007 will pay a **minimum fee of \$5,000** for a capital expenditure of \$0 to \$1,000,000. The fee for capital expenditures over \$1,000,000 increases at the rate of \$.003 per additional \$1 of capital expenditure up to a maximum fee of \$50,000.
9. Adult Care Home and Nursing Facility reimbursement rates for 2009 CON applications are posted on the CON Section web site when they are available. The CON Section web address is: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/index.html>
10. There are two abridged application forms for replacement or renovation of Adult Care Homes or Nursing Facilities. They should be used for renovations or replacements of existing facilities in the same county that do not involve a change in bed capacity. Every effort will be made to complete the review of these applications in less than 90 days. Please contact Craig Smith at (919)-855-3875 or Craig.Smith@ncmail.net if you have any questions regarding the use of this abbreviated application form.
11. The Certificate of Need Section maintains a mailing list of persons who want to receive notice of proposed CON rule changes. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for notice of proposed rules, please call or e-mail Lee Hoffman at 919-855-3873 or Lee.Hoffman@ncmail.net. The CON Section Mailing List has been lost and the Section is reconstituting the list. If you were on the list please notify the CON Section if you wish to be included on the replacement mailing list.