

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 22215 of Public Act 306 of 1969, as amended, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will hold a hearing on Certificate of Need (CON) Review Standards.

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

[Magnetic Resonance Imagine (MRI) Services and Nursing Home and Hospital Long-Term Care Unit (HLTCU) Beds and Addendum for Special Population Groups]

Location: Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street, 1st floor
MDCH Conference Center Room B
Lansing, MI 48913

■ ■ ■ MRI Services

The proposed CON Review Standards for MRI Services are being reviewed and modified to include the following:

1. Under Section 4, added language that allows for a lower replacement volume for an MRI unit initiated pursuant to Section 3(2)(b)(ii) or 3(2)(b)(iii). The volumes are 4,000 and 3,000 MRI adjusted procedures, respectively, and it is the only fixed MRI unit at the current site.
2. Under Section 12, added language that allows for a lower maintenance volume for an MRI unit initiated pursuant to Section 3(2)(b)(ii) or 3(2)(b)(iii). The volumes are 4,000 and 3,000 MRI adjusted procedures, respectively, and it is the only fixed MRI unit at the current site.
3. Other technical changes for clarity and consistency.

Nursing Home/HLTCU Beds

The proposed CON Review Standards for Nursing Home/HLTCU Beds are being reviewed and modified to include the following:

1. Under Section 1, modified the language consistent with recent changes in other CON review standards.
2. Under Section 2, removed unnecessary definitions.
3. Under Section 10(2), revised to provide greater emphasis on Medicaid participation.
4. Under Section 10(3), revised to give a higher weight for Medicare participation versus licensed-only beds.
5. Under Section 10(4), revised to deduct points from providers with a negative track record of compliance with state and federal regulations.
6. Under Section 10(5), revised and added points for culture change models.
7. Under Section 10(6), reduced the number of categories to receive points for "applicant's cash."
8. Under Section 10(7), added HLTCU and revised points.
9. Added Section 10(8) to award points for air conditioning.
10. Under Section 10(9), revised by giving more points for private rooms with adjoining sink, toilet, and shower to encourage a more home-like environment.
11. Added Section 10(10) to award points for projects that result in small nursing homes/HLTCUs.
12. Added Section 10(11) to award points for providing audited financial statements to assure financial viability of the applicant and project.

13. Added Section 10(12) to award points to encourage new construction to house new beds.
14. Added Section 10(13) to award points for not operating any 3- or 4-bed wards.
15. Added Section 10(14) to award points if the existing or proposed NH/HLTCU is on or readily accessible to an existing or proposed public transportation route.
16. Added Section 10(15) to award points for technological innovation.
17. Under Section 10(16), modified the language consistent with recent changes in other CON review standards.
18. Other technical changes.



Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, or submitted in writing via online submission at www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5106_5409-147062--,00.html, no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2010. If your comment is in written form, please provide a copy to the court reporter at the conclusion of your testimony. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tania Rodriguez at 517-335-6708.

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