

**October 27, 2020**

**Certificate of Need Public Hearing**

**Brenda Rogers:**

*Good morning, I am Brenda Rogers; Special Assistant to the Certificate of Need (CON) Commission from the Office of Planning Division at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Chairperson Chip Falahee has directed the Department to conduct today's hearing.*

*Today's hearing is being conducted via Zoom. If you would like to provide testimony, please use the raise your hand feature. If you are dialing in, dial \*9 to raise your hand. When called upon, please state your name and organization before providing testimony. A written copy of your testimony should be emailed to [MDHHS-ConWebTeam@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-ConWebTeam@michigan.gov).*

*Today, we are taking testimony on CON review standards for Neonatal Intensive Care Services/Beds (NICU) and Special Newborn Nursing Services and Nursing Home and Hospital Long-Term-Care Unit (HLTCU) Beds.*

*A summary of the proposed changes for the standards can be found on the Notice of Public Hearing, and the complete set of proposed changes can be found in the draft language. The Notice of Public Hearing and the draft language for the standards can be found at [www.michigan.gov/con](http://www.michigan.gov/con) on the Meetings Page.*

*As indicated on the Notice of Public Hearing, written testimony may be provided to the Department via an email sent to [MDHHS-ConWebTeam@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-ConWebTeam@michigan.gov) and will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.***

*Today is Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (9:32 a.m.); we will begin the hearing now. Does anyone wish to provide testimony on NICU Services?*

**Pat Anderson:**

*I would.*

**Brenda Rogers:**

On NICU? Okay. Go ahead.

**Pat Anderson:**

*I'm sorry. Not on NICU. Sorry Brenda.*

**Brenda Rogers:**

*That's okay. Would anybody like to provide testimony on NICU? Hearing none at this time, we'll move onto Nursing Home Beds.*

**Pat Anderson:**

*Thank you. I would like to provide testimony, Brenda. Is that alright?*

**Brenda Rogers:**

*Yes, go ahead Pat.*

**Pat Anderson:**

*I just wanted to provide testimony on behalf of the Health Care Association Michigan. I Pat Anderson am the Executive Vice President of Reimbursement Services.*

*At HCAM, we would like to support the change to the standards that are proposed, especially the changes to the bed need methodology. HCAM was heavily involved. I was involved with the SAC in setting up the methodology, and we vetted it very hard and good and had great questions from the Commission after. The SAC worked well, so I think the whole methodology is a good step forward and recognizes that each planning area has different activity levels within use of long term care, and it's a good step forward and probably three years from now, we'll look at it again in three years from now and see what we've done. I will submit our written testimonial after (Attachment 1). I also wanted to take this moment on behalf of HCAM to support the thing. And thank you to the CON staff for all their support and their help in this. We couldn't have gotten this far without your support. Thank you.*

**Brenda Rogers:**

*Thank you, Pat. And for the record, Pat, I don't think you stated your last name. So, for the record, please state that.*

**Pat Anderson:**

*Sure. My name is Pat Patricia Anderson.*

**Brenda Rogers:**

*Thank you.*

**Pat Anderson:**

*No problem.*

**Brenda Rogers:**

*Any other testimony for nursing home beds? Okay, I will ask one last time any testimony for NICU services? Okay, if there's no further testimony, we will adjourn this hearing at 9:35 a.m. Thank you.*

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**Nursing Homes and Hospital Long-Term Care Units Standards**  
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The Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) represents over 350 skilled nursing and hospital long-term care units across the state. HCAM members and staff participated in the Standards Advisory Committee (SAC) in designing and drafting the changes that are brought forward from the CON Commission to this public hearing. HCAM is supportive of all the changes outlined in these updated standards. The key change is the updating of the bed need methodology to reflect a closer relationship to the actual activity in each planning area as part of the determination of beds needed. The methodology provided in these standards was diligently vetted by the SAC and discussed at the CON Commission meeting and is a great move forward. This has been a change discussed for many years during numerous workgroups and it is great to see it completed.

HCAM wants to thank the MDHHS CON staff for their support and work with the SAC and CON Commission to bring these standard changes to completion. HCAM looks forward to reviewing these changes and their impact when the next standard review will occur.

Testimony Submitted by:

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