**January 7, 2022**

**Guidance Regarding the Temporary Waiver of CON Requirements for Approval of Increased Licensed Bed Capacity at Connecticut Hospitals during the
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

**OHS\_HSP Guidance 22-001**

Pursuant to Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 14D, the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) may waive **Certificate of Need** (CON) statutory and regulatory requirements relating to the temporary increase of licensed bed capacities, as covered under Chapter 368z of the Connecticut General Statutes, in order to increase access to critical healthcare services for the management of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**There is no fee associated with requesting a limited waiver of CON requirements for a temporary increase in licensed bed capacity and the related temporary suspension (as opposed to termination) of services in order to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients.** Any hospital seeking a temporary waiver of such CON requirements shall:

1. Complete a COVID-19 Waiver Request Form (Temporary Increase in Licensed Bed Capacity).
2. Register to use the CON Portal if not already registered.
3. Contemporaneously upload the completed COVID-19 Waiver Request Form to the CON Portal as a “Determination” rather than a “CON Application”; *and* electronically mail the completed form and accompanying documentation to the following email addresses: Daniel.Csuka@ct.gov and Brian.Carney@ct.gov.

Waivers granted pursuant to this Guidance and the submitted form, as authorized by Executive Order 14D, shall only be effective through and including February 15, 2022, after which they expire. On February 16, 2022, any entity previously granted a waiver shall return to normal operations including, but not limited to, the resumption of any and all services temporarily suspended pursuant to a granted waiver.

*For any questions regarding this guidance, please email* *Daniel.Csuka@ct.gov**.*