

ACTIONS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW

Purpose of Worksheet: This tool is meant to guide the CON Task Force through the process of determining what services should be subject to CON in order to meet program goals.

Summary of Categories¹:

1. Acquiring Equipment

Applies to....	Acquiring
All health care entities	CT, MRI, PET, and PET-CT scanners <i>Exceptions:</i> (1) equipment is used exclusively for scientific research not conducted on humans and (2) scanner is a replacement for one previously acquired through a CON or determination
All health care entities	Equipment utilizing technology that has not previously been used in the state
Non-hospital entities	Linear accelerators

2. Initiating Services or Increasing Capacity

Applies to....	Planning to...
All health care entities	Establish a new health care facility ²
All health care entities	Establish cardiac services, including catheterization, interventional cardiology and cardiovascular surgery
All DPH-licensed facilities	Increase licensed bed capacity of a health care facility ²
All health care entities	Establish an outpatient surgical facility
Outpatient surgical facilities, short-term acute care general hospital	An increase of two or more operating rooms within any three-year period

3. Terminating Services

Applies to....	Planning to terminate...
Hospitals	Mental health or substance abuse services
Hospitals	Inpatient or outpatient services
Outpatient surgical facility	Surgical services <i>Exception:</i> Service is terminated due to insufficient patient volume or termination of a subspecialty, in which case notification to OHCA is required
Short-term acute care general hospital	An emergency department

4. Transfers of Ownership

Applies to....	Planning to...
All health care entities	Transfer ownership of a large group practice, one which is comprised of eight or more full-time equivalent physicians, unless transfer is to a physician or a group of physicians
All health care entities	Transfer of ownership of a health care facility ²

5. HOSPITAL Transfers of Ownership

Applies to....	Planning to...
Not-for-profit and for-profit hospitals	Transfer ownership of a hospital

6. Conversions

Applies to....	Planning to...
Not-for-profit hospitals	Transfer a material amount of its assets or change control of operations to a for-profit entity.

¹ These charts are for general overview purposes only, and do not include all exemptions or exceptions to CON review.

² For the purposes of the survey, "health care facility" is refers to the following seven facilities: (1) hospital; (2) specialty hospital; (3) freestanding emergency department; (4) outpatient surgical facility; (5) central service facility; (6) mental health facility; and (7) substance abuse treatment facility.