

NEWS RELEASE



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Headline: **Extension given for St. Helens hospital decision:**

Subhead: ***Columbia Health District submitted new financial information for review***

Columbia Health District has submitted a newly amended application for a new 12-bed hospital in Columbia County by submitting new financial information to the Oregon Public Health Certificate of Need Program. As a result, the Health District and the Certificate of Need Program have agreed to extend the date for reaching a final decision on the project. This will give the Certificate of Need Program adequate time to review the new financial information. The original final decision date had been set for Nov. 4, 2010.

With this new financial information, the Certificate of Need Program anticipates issuing a decision by January or February 2011.

“We will review this new information as quickly as possible so we can issue a final decision,” says Jana Fussell, with the Oregon Public Health Certificate of Need Program.

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