The Certificate of Need process is the state’s only regulatory mechanism aimed at controlling the development of new health care facilities and services. The purpose of the law is to see that health services are adequately distributed around the state without unnecessary duplication of services or excessive costs to patients.

**Letters of Intent**

**Willamette Valley Hospice**, proposes to open a 12-bed Hospice Inpatient Unit in West Salem on the Willamette Valley Hospice Campus. On December 16, 2016, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. This project may be eligible to proceed under the abbreviated review process.

**McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center** proposes a construction project at its facility. On December 30, 2016 this project was ruled to be not subject to Certificate of Need review because it does not constitute the creation of a “new hospital” as that term is defined in OAR 333-550-0010(2).

**Applications under Review**

**NEWCO Oregon, Inc.**, a Delaware Corporation, proposes to construct and operate a freestanding 100-bed psychiatric hospital for adolescent, adult and geriatric voluntary and involuntary patients. The proposed facility would be located in Wilsonville. On October 20, 2016 the application was ruled to be complete and review began on October 21, 2016. The Division will issue a proposed decision no later than January 18, 2017. A public meeting was held on November 17, 2016.

**Lifeways, Inc.** proposes to construct and operate a 16-bed freestanding psychiatric hospital to be located in Hermiston, Oregon. The proposed facility would serve adolescents age 18 years of age or older, and adults, including geriatric patients, both voluntary and involuntary. On December 14, 2016 the application was ruled to be incomplete.

For further information about the Oregon Certificate of Need program
please visit its webpage: www.healthoregon.org/cn. The webpage offers a wealth of information about the program including links to administrative rules, relevant statutes, tables, and forms. You can use this resource to review past Certificate of Need Updates and much more.

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