



January 2007

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Letters of Intent

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Farmington Centers, Portland, proposes an extensive building project at Laurelhurst Village. On May 25, 2006, Farmington Centers was again notified that its letter of intent contains insufficient information to make a determination if this project is subject to the certificate of need law.

Applications Under Review

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Kaiser Foundation Hospitals proposes to construct a 138-bed general acute care hospital to be located in Hillsboro. On October 27, 2006, this application was ruled to be complete. The Department expects to issue a proposed decision on this application no later than January 25, 2007.

Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany, Wilsonville, proposes to relocate 29 nursing facility beds from King City Rehabilitation Center to Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany which is located at 16360 NW Avamere Court, Portland. Both facilities are located in Washington County. On August 18, 2006, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Decisions

McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, Springfield, was issued a final order with conditions on October 20, 2006, approving its proposal to construct a 148-bed general acute care hospital to be located at the site now occupied by the River Ridge Golf Complex in north Eugene. Approval of this application is conditioned on the applicant obtaining all zoning and land use approvals necessary to operate the hospital at this location, and on inpatient hospital services no longer being provided at the present site of McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center once the new hospital is licensed. On December 18, 2006, an affected party, North Delta Neighbors, requested a contested case hearing on this decision.

If you would like to continue receiving the Certificate of Need update, please respond no later than January 31, 2007 to brittany.a.sande@state.or.us, and indicate whether you would like to receive the newsletter in paper format by mail, or electronically by e-mail.



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Letters of Intent

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Laurelhurst Village, LLC, proposes to relocate 47 licensed nursing facility beds to a new skilled nursing facility building. On June 5, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. Laurelhurst Village is also remodeling a part of its current physical plant and will locate 72 nursing beds in such remodeled space. The department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Samaritan Albany General Hospital, Albany, proposes to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility. The department will rule on this letter of intent no later than June 19, 2007.

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review under Certificate of Need law. Once the department receives the necessary materials and information from the applicant, a determination will be made whether this project is eligible to proceed under the abbreviated review process.

Applications under Review

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open an 82-bed psychiatric hospital in Beaverton. The department will notify the applicant whether the application is complete no later than July 10, 2007.

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Decisions

Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany, Wilsonville, was issued a proposed order on July 3, 2007, which approved its proposal to relocate 28 nursing facility beds from King City Rehabilitation Center to Avamere West Union Operations, LLC dba Avamere at Bethany which is located at 16360 NW Avamere Court, Portland. Both facilities are located in Washington County.

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AUGUST 2007

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NOVEMBER 2007

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Rogue Valley Manor, Medford, submitted a letter of intent for the addition of nursing facility beds at its closed system long term care facility. These beds will only be for the use of residents of the CCRC. On October 22, 2007, this project was ruled not subject to CN review under ORS 101.090.

Applications Under Review

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, proposes to open a 77-bed psychiatric hospital in unincorporated Washington County. On November 7, 2007, this application was ruled to be complete. The Department expects to issue a proposed decision no later than February 5, 2008.

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December 2007

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Letters of Intent

Hospice & Palliative Care of Washington County, Hillsboro, proposes to open a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Hillsboro. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than December 18, 2007.

Applications under Review

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