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Letters of Intent

Hospice & Palliative Care of Washington County, Hillsboro, proposes to open a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Hillsboro. On December 18, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The applicant will be seeking an abbreviated review of this project.

Cascade Health Solutions, Eugene, proposes to open a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Eugene. On December 27, 2007, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The applicant will be seeking an abbreviated review of this project.

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, 2007. A public meeting was held on this application on November 28, 2007.

Avamere Health Services, Wilsonville, proposes to develop a 50-bed long term acute care hospital which would provide diagnostic and medical treatment to patients with chronic diseases or complex medical conditions. The facility would seek licensure as a general acute care hospital. On April 17, 2006, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

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**Letters of Intent**

**Mirabella at South Waterfront**, Portland, proposes to develop a 41-bed closed system long-term care facility operated by a continuing care retirement community. On January 23, 2008, this project was ruled not subject to certificate of need review. These beds will only be for the use of residents of the continuing care community and are not subject to 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 date by which a proposed order is due for this application has been extended from February 5, 2008 to March 19, 2008 in order to allow the department to review additional information that has been submitted by the applicant.

**Avamere Health Services**, Wilsonville, proposes to develop a 50-bed long term acute care hospital which would provide diagnostic and medical treatment to patients with chronic diseases or complex medical conditions. The facility would seek licensure as a general acute care hospital. On April 17, 2006, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

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**Letters of Intent**

**Mirabella at South Waterfront**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than April 14, 2008.

**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 April 10, 2008.

**Applications under Review**

**Avamere Health Services**, Wilsonville, proposes to develop a 50-bed long term acute care hospital which would provide diagnostic and medical treatment to patients with chronic diseases or complex medical conditions. The facility would seek licensure as a general acute care hospital. On April 17, 2006, this application was ruled to be incomplete.
Decisions

Ascend Health Corporation, a Delaware based company, was issued a proposed order with conditions on March 19, 2008, granting approval for a 36-bed psychiatric hospital to be located in unincorporated Washington County. On March 31, 2008, an affected party requested an informal hearing on this decision.

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**Letters of Intent**

**Samaritan Albany General Hospital**, Albany, proposes to develop a freestanding inpatient hospice facility. On April 10, 2008 this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The applicant will be seeking an abbreviated review of this project.

**Applications under Review**

**Mirabella at South Waterfront**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. On April 11, 2008, 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.

**Holladay Park Plaza**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza. On April 24, 2008, 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**

**Ascend Health Corporation**, a Delaware based company, was issued a final order with conditions on May 5, 2008, granting approval for a 36-bed psychiatric hospital to be located in unincorporated Washington County. An informal hearing was held in regard to this application on April 15, 2008.

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Letters of Intent

Columbia Health District, St. Helens, proposes to develop a new hospital to be located in St. Helens. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than June 11, 2008.

Applications under Review

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. On April 11, 2008, 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.

Holladay Park Plaza, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza. On April 24, 2008, 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.

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**Letters of Intent**

**Columbia Health District**, St. Helens, proposes to develop a new hospital to be located in St. Helens. On June 11, 2008, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need law.

**Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC and Samaritan Health Services, Inc.**, Corvallis, propose to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than July 7, 2008.

**Applications under Review**

**Mirabella at South Waterfront**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. On April 11, 2008, 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.

**Holladay Park Plaza**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza. On April 24, 2008, 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.

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Letters of Intent

Columbia Health District, St. Helens, proposes to develop a new hospital to be located in St. Helens. On June 11, 2008, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need law.

Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC and Samaritan Health Services, Inc., Corvallis, proposed to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. This letter of intent was withdrawn by Samaritan Health Services, Inc. and Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC on July 7, 2008.

Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC, proposes to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. On July 23, 2008, this project was ruled subject to full review under Certificate of Need law. The department will be evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Applications under Review

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. On April 11, 2008, 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.

Holladay Park Plaza, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza. On April 24, 2008, 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.

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Letters of Intent

Lake Health District, Lakeview, proposes to construct a new 24-bed acute inpatient care building and remodel/upgrade its existing building. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than October 14, 2008.

Lower Umpqua Hospital District, Reedsport, proposes to build a combined 44 bed licensed nursing facility and a 45 bed assisted living facility. Lower Umpqua’s nursing facility is currently licensed for 32 beds so this is a 12 bed increase. The project would be accomplished by the hospital providing a building site through a lease agreement and transferring beds to a private company to build and operate the new combined facility. On September 22, 2008, this project was ruled to be subject to full review under Certificate of Need law.

Applications under Review

Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC, proposes to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Holladay Park Plaza, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

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**Letters of Intent**

**Lake Health District**, Lakeview, proposes to construct a new 24-bed acute inpatient care building and remodel/upgrade its existing building. On October 15, 2008, this project was ruled not subject to certificate of need review because this project does not constitute the creation of a “new hospital” as that term is defined in OAR 333-550-0010(2).

**Applications under Review**

**Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC** proposes to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

**Mirabella at South Waterfront**, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

**Decisions**

**Holladay Park Plaza**, Portland, was issued a proposed order on October 21, 2008, approving its project to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Laurelhurst Village Investments, LLC to Holladay Park Plaza.

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Letters of Intent

Cascade Health Solutions, Eugene, proposes to open a freestanding inpatient hospice facility in Eugene. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than December 17, 2008.

Oregon State Hospital, Oregon Department of Human Services, Salem, proposes to replace the Oregon State Hospital in Salem. The Department will rule on this letter of intent no later than December 9, 2008. An abbreviated review has been requested.

Applications under Review

Corvallis Spruce Property, LLC, proposes to relocate 25 nursing facility beds from Samaritan Heart of the Valley located at 2750 N.W. Harrison Blvd., Corvallis to an existing building located at 980 N.W. Spruce Avenue, Corvallis. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Mirabella at South Waterfront, Portland, proposes to transfer thirty (30) nursing facility beds from Marquis Care at Mt. Tabor to Mirabella at South Waterfront. The Department is evaluating whether this project is eligible for an expedited review.

Columbia Health District, St. Helens, proposes to establish a new 12-bed hospital in St. Helens. On December 3, 2008, this application was ruled to be incomplete.

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