

## **CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE**

## South Carolina Department of Public Health July 2025

MATTER #	FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/CON #
3073	Trident Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Live Oak Mental Health & Wellness 9330 Medical Plaza Drive Charleston, S. C. 29406 Contact: Jeffrey L. Wilson, President/CEO (843) 847-4100 (Charleston County) CON Reviewer: Ashley Grant	The addition of 24 psychiatric beds for a total of 84 psychiatric beds at a total project cost of \$124,915.11.	Approved 7/2/2025 SC-25-12
3075	Integral Home Health d/b/a ViCare 59 Holly Ridge Lane West Columbia, S. C. 29169 Contact: C. Colleen Stephens, President (888) 688-5249 (Berkeley, Charleston, Richland, and Lexington Counties) CON Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Berkeley, Charleston, Richland, and Lexington Counties at a total project cost of \$5,000.00.	Approved 7/8/2025 SC-25-14
3078	Sumter Behavioral Health, LLC d/b/a Midlands Behavioral Health Hospital 3180 Broad Street Sumter, S.C. 29150	The addition of 28 psychiatric beds for a total of 60 psychiatric beds at a total project cost of \$36,678.00	Approved 7/2/2025 SC-25-13

	Contact: Rusty Flathmann, President (803) 911-4210 (Sumter County) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini		
3079	Ropheka Cares LLC d/b/a Ropheka Cares Home Health Agency 2037 St. Matthews Road Orangeburg, S.C. 29118 Contact: Florence Ogunkunle, CEO/Administrator (803) 515-4617 (Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Charleston, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Charleston, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties at a total project cost of \$16,675.00.	Approved 7/29/2025 SC-25-15
3080	Care Faith, LLC d/b/a Care Faith 661 South Aline Street Florence, S.C. 29506 Contact: Shambreka Eaddy, LPN-Project Manager (843) 758-2454 (Florence County) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Florence County at a total project cost of \$3,000.00.**  ** New total project cost of \$34,200.00 received 6/25/2025.	Deemed Complete 7/25/2025
3081	Inspirium Health, LLC d/b/a Interim Healthcare of the Midlands 100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 200 Greenville, S.C. 29607 Contact: Beth Landry, CEO (864) 627-1200 (Bamberg, Calhoun, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties) Reviewer: Ashley Grant	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Bamberg, Calhoun, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Richland Counties at a total project cost of \$15,500.00.	Deemed Complete 7/25/2025

3082	Prisma Health-Upstate d/b/a Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital 300 E. McBee Avenue, Suite 500 Greenville, S.C. 29601 Contact: Tim Brookshire, Greenville Memorial Medical Campus, CEO (864) 797-7801 (Greenville County) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The addition of 4 Level III NICU beds for a total of 32 Level III NICU beds at a total project cost of \$320,058.00.	Deemed Complete 7/25/2025
3083	Premier Home Healthcare of SC LLC d/b/a Boost Home Healthcare – Rock Hill 120 South Main Street Lancaster, S.C. 29721 Contact: Megha Shah, President (704) 290-4263 (Cherokee, Lancaster, and York Counties) Reviewer: Ashley Grant	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Cherokee, Lancaster, and York Counties at a total project cost of \$129,350.00.	Deemed Accepted 7/25/2025
3084	Roper St. Francis Healthcare (RSFH) Ancillary Services d/b/a Roper St. Francis Home Health 125 Doughty Street, Suite 760 Charleston, S.C. 29403 Contact: Troy Powell, OTR/L, MHA, Vice President (843) 724-2901 (Colleton and Orangeburg Counties) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Orangeburg and Colleton Counties at a total project cost of \$50,000.00.	Deemed Complete 7/25/2025
3085	TSI South d/b/a Vital Care Charleston 775 Addison Drive, Suite 110 Rock Hill, S.C. 29730	The establishment of a Specialty Home Health Agency limited to home infusion nursing services in Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson,	Deemed Accepted 7/25/2025

	Contact: Marcie Parker, President (Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and Williamsburg Counties) Reviewer: Ashley Grant	Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and Williamsburg Counties at a total project cost of \$30,000.00.	
3086	KabaFusion SC, LLC 5955 Core Road, Suite 512 North Charleston, S.C. 29406- 6085 Contact: Sohail Masood, President & CEO (800) 435-3020 (All 46 Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The establishment of a Specialty Home Health Agency limited to home infusion nursing services in all 46 counties at a total project cost of \$26,050.00.	Deemed Accepted 7/25/2025
3087	Graceful Journey Home Health of SC, LLC d/b/a Graceful Journey Home Health of SC 331 East Main Street, Suite 200 #255 Rock Hill, S.C. 29730 Contact: Quintara Hicks, CEO (803) 762-0822 (Aiken, Bamberg, Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Fairfield,	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Aiken, Bamberg, Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Greenville, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Richland, Union, and York Counties at a total project cost of \$12,150.00.	Received 7/25/2025

	Greenville, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Richland, Union, and York Counties) Reviewer: Ashley Grant		
3088	Abiding Grace Home Health Care LLC d/b/a Abiding Grace Home Health Care 303 SC-418 Fountain Inn, S.C. 29644 Contact: Catherine Kirk, Owner (864) 321-2116 (Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Pickens Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Pickens Counties at a total project cost of \$97,790.00.	Received 7/22/2025
3089	Medical University Hospital Authority d/b/a MUSC Medical Center-MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital 22 Westedge Street, Suite 300 Charleston, S.C. 29403 Contact: Patrick Cawley, MD, CEO, MUSC Health and Vice President of Health Affairs (843) 792-4000 (Charleston County) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The addition of 12 pediatric medical/surgical beds and 6 pediatric ICU/CCU beds to MUSC Medical Center Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital for a total of 743 beds for MUSC Medical Center at a total project cost of \$19,500,000.00.	Received 7/29/2025

For more information about individual projects, please call (803) 545-4200 for the CON Reviewer listed.

## **STATUS KEY**

Application ReceivedThe date the application was received by the department with the proof of publication and initial application fee.

Application SubmittedThe date the application was received but does not meet all

filing requirements for the department to publish in the State

Register as accepted for filing.

Deemed Accepted- The date of publication in the State Register that an

application has been received by the department and deemed

"accepted for filing."

Deemed Complete- The date of publication in the *State Register* that an

application has been "deemed complete." The 90- or 120-day

review period begins on this date.

Under Review- The staff is reviewing the application.

Approved- The date a decision was made to approve the project.

Denied- The date a decision was made to deny the project.

Appealed- The decision has been appealed.

#### **CON NOTES JULY 2025**

## Certificate of Need (CON) Third (3rd) and Subsequent Extension Requests

The Department has developed a new process for CON Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and subsequent extension requests. After two (2) staff extension have been granted, the CON holder may request CON 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent extension requests from CON staff. The CON 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent extension requests to the Department must be made at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the CON and must contain justification for such extension. The CON staff will use S.C. Code Section 44-7-230(D) and Regulation 60-15, Sections 601, 602, and 603 to determine if the CON holder has extenuating circumstances beyond their control for the cause of the delay and demonstrated substantial progress as outline in Regulation 60-15. CON staff will make an extension determination for up to a nine (9) month period. Upon CON staff determination, CON 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent extension requests will be submitted to Healthcare Quality's (HQ) Office of General Counsel (OGC) for review. HQ's OGC will review the CON staff determination and provide a response for CON staff. After receipt of HQ's OGC response, CON staff will render a decision of either:

- a. If approved, CON staff will prepare the issuance packet for a new CON expiration date of up to nine (9) months.
- b. If denied, CON staff will prepare a denial letter.

The Certificate of Need (CON) program is pleased to announce the new web-based application will be available on July 1, 2025. The link to the application will be available on the CON webpage. A Frequently Asked Question document will be on the CON webpage for the application.

In an effort to improve efficiency and effectiveness, the Certificate of Need (CON) Department would like to receive electronic documentation from all applicants. Beginning **July 1, 2025**, we request that all supporting documentation, letters of support, quarterly reports, implementation reports, and/or final completion reports be submitted electronically. Department staff will acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your email following review. These reports can be emailed to <a href="mailto:CONinfo@dph.sc.gov">CONinfo@dph.sc.gov</a>

In accordance with Regulation 60-15, *Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services*, passed by the General Assembly, Sections 102.1.c and 102.1.f, the Department must determine the increase or decrease in the ratio of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), Medical Care Commodities in the US City Average, for the prior five (5) – year period published by the United States Department of Labor; the dollar threshold for expenditures by or on behalf of a nursing home pursuant to this item shall be adjusted accordingly. The CPI-U for Medical Care Commodities from April 2020 to April 2025 is adjusted at 4.47%. Therefore, on July 1, 2025, the adjusted threshold for Section 102.1.c is \$5,233,500, and the adjusted threshold for Section 102.1.f is \$3,134,100. For information, please go the CON webpage found here.

Thank you and **Congratulations!!** The Department would like to announce that **95%** of the 2024 Joint Annual Reports (JARs) were completed for hospitals, nursing care facilities, and ancillary facilities. We were able to exceed our goal of 92%.

Facility Type	% of	Completed	Incomplete	Missing	Grand
	Reports	Reports	Reports	Reports	Total
	Received	Received			Needed
HOSPITALS	98%	95	2	0	97
NURSING	93%	181	5	8	194
HOMES					
ANCILLARY	97%	307	2	12	321
<b>FACILITIES</b>					
TOTALS	95%	583	9	20	612

The Certificate of Need (CON) Program has a **new USPS mailing address**. If you need to send USPS to the program, please use the new address listed below:

S.C. Department of Public Health Certificate of Need Program P.O. Box 2046 West Columbia, S.C. 29171

The Certificate of Need (CON) Program has a **new mailing address for packages** (i.e. UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc.). Please use the new address below for packages:

Certificate of Need Program, S.C. Department of Public Health Building E Loading Dock 400 Otarre Parkway Cayce, S.C. 29033

#### **PROJECTS UNDER APPEAL**

The Department presently does not have any projects under appeal.

#### PROJECTS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW EXEMPTIONS

For the Department to grant an exemption, the project must meet the requirements in Section 103 and be filed in accordance with Section 103 of Regulation No. 60-15.

# PROJECTS WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW NON-APPLICABILTY DETERMINATIONS

For a project to qualify for a non-applicability determination, it must not meet the Standards listed in Section 102 of Regulation No. 61-15 and be filed in accordance with Section 104 of Regulation No. 60-15.

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