



CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE

**South Carolina Department of Public Health
January 2026**

MATTER #	FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/CON #
3093	Peninsula Club of Charleston, LLC d/b/a The Peninsula of Charleston 2334 South 41 st Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28403 Contact: Timothy Walsh, Director of Business Development (910) 815-3122 (Charleston County) Reviewer: Ashley Grant	The construction and establishment of a new 42,236 sf nursing home with 40 skilled nursing beds to be located within a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) at a total project cost of \$28,563,420.00.	Approved 1/27/2026
5099	Beacon Nursing Care, LLC* 316 South McQueen Street, Florence, S.C. 29501 Contact: Morgan Evans, DNP (803) 543-0572 (Florence, Kershaw, Sumter, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, and Horry Counties) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The establishment of a home health agency in Florence, Kerhaw, Sumter, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, and Horry Counties at a total project cost of \$7,000.00. *As of 11/12/2025, name changed from Morgan Evans d/b/a Beacon Nursing Care, LLC to Beacon Nursing Care, LLC. As of 11/20/2025, total project cost changed to \$19,200.00. (Web-Based Application)	Under Review

3094	<p>Careon Home Health Agency LLC 140 Wildewood Drive Park, Suite 106 Columbia, S.C. 29223 Contact: Sharon Cook-McEwen, RN, Executive Director (803) 667-9733 (Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, and Richland Counties) Reviewer: Ashley Grant</p>	<p>The establishment of a home health agency in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, and Richland Counties at a total project cost of \$14,500.00.</p>	<p>Deemed Complete 1/23/2026</p>
3095	<p>Embrace Home Health, LLC d/b/a Embrace Home Health – Horry County 101 West Renner Road, Suite 420 Richardson, TX 75082 Contact: Donnie Maberry, Manager (469) 895-9311 (Horry County) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini</p>	<p>The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Horry County at a total project cost of \$64,000.00.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>
3096	<p>From the Heart Home Health Care, LLC d/b/a From the Heart Home Health Care 811 Pendleton Street Greenville, S.C. 29605 Contact: Rotunda Hughey, President (864) 616-9899 (Greenville County) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes</p>	<p>The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Greenville County at a total project cost of \$65,000.00.</p>	<p>Deemed Complete 1/23/2026</p>
3097	<p>A Step Above Home Care, LLC d/b/a ASA Home Health Care 1197 John B. White Sr. Blvd. Spartanburg, S.C. 29306</p>	<p>The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Charleston, Cherokee, Darlington, Florence, Greenville,</p>	<p>Deemed Accepted 1/23/2026</p>

	Contact: Kiyanis L. Jones, Operations Manager (864) 546-2240 (Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Charleston, Cherokee, Darlington, Florence, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and York Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and York Counties at a total project cost of \$10,000.00.* *Amended the description: Effective 1/15/2026, the applicant amended the application with the removal of Aiken, Charleston, Darlington, Florence, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter Counties.	
5325	Bon Secours St. Francis Xavier Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Bon Secours St. Francis Xavier Hospital 2095 Henry Tecklenburg Dr. Charleston, S.C. 29414 Contact: Tavia Buck, Chief Nursing Officer (843) 402-1399 (Charleston County) Reviewer:	The addition of nine (9) Level III neonatal care unit (NICU) bassinets and renovations at a total project cost of \$8,057,378.00. (Web-Based Application)	Received 1/28/2026

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

STATUS KEY

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

Application Submitted- The 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 <i>State Register</i> 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 JANUARY 2026

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

The Department has developed a new process for CON Third (3rd) and subsequent extension requests. After two (2) staff extension have been granted, the CON holder may request CON 3rd and subsequent extension requests from CON staff. The CON 3rd 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 3rd 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 released a new web-based application on July 1, 2025. The link to the application is available on the CON webpage. A Frequently Asked Question document for the application is on the CON webpage.

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 CONinfo@dph.sc.gov

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

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (SC DPH) will be closed **Monday, February 16, 2026**, in observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday; normal operations will resume Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Certificate of Need (CON) program staff are in the process of developing the 2026 South Carolina Health Plan. With the advice of the Health Planning Committee, the Department will prepare the South Carolina Health Plan to include an inventory and projections of need for existing healthcare facilities, beds, and specified health services for the administration of the Certificate of Need program.

The South Carolina Health Planning Committee has received appointments and/or re-appointments from the Governor in January 2026, with the exception of one (1) position. The Department is currently awaiting an update from the **Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions** regarding this remaining appointment.

The Committee will hold its first in-person meeting on:

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm.

Location: S.C. Health Campus

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-APPLICABILITY 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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