



CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE

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

MATTER #	FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/CON #
5582	Judah Care Provider LLC d/b/a Judah Medical Home Health Agency* 100 Ashland Park Lane, Suite B-2 Columbia, S.C. 29210 Contact: Lateya Smith, Owner (803) 904-6285 (Lexington County) Reviewer: Ashley Grant	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Lexington County at a total project cost of \$15,000.00. *As of 6/17/2026, name changed from Judah Care Provider LLC d/b/a Judah Care Provider to Judah Care Provider LLC d/b/a Judah Medical Home Health Agency	Approved 9/17/2026 SC-26-13
5669	Roper St. Francis Specialty Hospital 8536 Palmetto Commerce Parkway Ladson, S.C. 29456 Contact: Matthew Desmond, COO (843) 724-2103 (Berkeley County) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini	The establishment of a new specialty hospital by transfer of twelve (12) acute care beds from Roper St. Francis- Berkeley, Inc. to Roper St. Francis Specialty Hospital, a new women's and newborn's specialty hospital, for a total of twelve (12) acute care beds at a total project cost of \$2,500,000.00. (Web-Based Application)	Approved 9/28/2026 SC-26-14

3100	KidsCare Home Health of South Carolina, LLC 4201 Spring Valley Road, Suite 600 Dallas, TX 75244 Contact: Erik Baker, President (214) 575-2999 (Aiken, Bamberg, Beaufort, Cherokee, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Oconee, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties) Reviewer: Dave Fiorini/Ashley Grant	The expansion of pediatric home health agency to serve the counties of Aiken, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Oconee, Sumter, and Williamsburg at a total project cost of \$15,575.00.	Deemed Complete 9/25/2026
5712	Stay at Home of the Upstate Inc. d/b/a Stay at Home Nursing Services 318 Memorial Drive, Suite B Greer, S.C. 29650 Contact: Thomas Streck, President (864) 990-7127 (Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, Spartanburg Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties at a total project cost of \$13,500.00. (Web-Based Application)	Deemed Accepted 9/25/2026
5722	FutureSmith Inc. d/b/a BrightStar Care of Spartanburg, Greenville and Easley-Piedmont 110 W. Church Street, Suite A Greer, S.C. 29650 Contact: Steven Michael Smith, President & Owner (864) 599-0452 (Anderson, Cherokee, Oconee, and Pickens Counties) Reviewer: Jane Thoennes	The establishment of a Home Health Agency in Anderson, Cherokee, Oconee, and Pickens Counties at a total project cost of \$1,000.00. (Web-Based Application)	Deemed Accepted 9/25/2026

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.

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

Pursuant to Act No. 146 (formerly Bill H4189), effective May 15, 2026, Section 44-7-230(D) was amended to state that “the director of the Department may grant further extensions of up to nine (9) months each only if the director determines that substantial progress has been made in accordance with Regulation 60-15, Sections 601, 602, and 603.”

Following the Director’s determination, CON staff will proceed as follows:

- a. If the extension request is approved, CON staff will prepare the issuance packet reflecting a new Certificate of Need expiration date of up to nine (9) months.
- b. If the request is denied, CON staff will prepare and issue a formal denial letter.

The Certificate of Need (CON) program released a new web-based application on July 1, 2025. The link to the application will be 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

On September 18, 2026, the Department issued Medicaid Nursing Home Permits indicating the number of Medicaid patient days allocated to nursing home permit holders for State Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027). Nursing home administrators are reminded to retain their Medicaid Nursing Home Permit letter for their records.

For FY2027, nursing home administrators should also be aware of Proviso 117.172, under General Provisions, which states: "(GP: Medicaid Permit Days) The Department of Public Health shall not issue any Medicaid permit days in excess of the number of days authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the appropriations act. For the current fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services may grant additional permit days to facilities licensed and operating with a Medicaid permit who are deemed to be under the Medicaid permit days necessary to serve the residents of the county. This may include facilities with a restricted Certificate of Need and facilities operating under a previous waiver. Waivers shall not be granted for a nursing home that exceeds the number of patient days by more than five percent in its permit."

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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