CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE

South Carolina Department of Public Health
October 2026

MATTER #	FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS/CON #
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.	Under Review
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 (Web-Based Application)	Withdrawn 10/30/2026

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 Complete 10/23/2026

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 *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 OCTOBER 2026

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

The South Carolina Department of Public Health (SC DPH) will be closed the following dates in observance of several holidays. Please see below for the dates of closure:

- **Wednesday, November 11, 2026,** for Veteran's Day; normal operations will resume Thursday, November 12, 2026

- **Thursday, November 26, 2026, and Friday, November 27, 2026,** for the Thanksgiving Holiday; normal operations will resume Monday, November 30, 2026
- **Thursday, December 24, 2026, Friday, December 25, 2026, and Monday, December 28, 2026,** for the Christmas Holiday; normal operations will resume Tuesday, December 29, 2026

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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