

Legal Notice

Certificate of Need Public Informational Meeting

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces that an application for a Certificate of Need (CON) has been received and certified as complete by the Applicant. An informational meeting, in which the Applicant will present information about the proposal, will be held by a DHHS representative in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Certificate of Need Act, as amended (22 MRSA section 337(5)).

Applicants: MaineHealth and Webber Hospital Association d/b/a Southern Maine Medical Center (SMMC).

Description of Proposal: SMMC to become a subsidiary corporation of MaineHealth.

Meeting: Public Informational Meeting
Date/Time: Monday, November 17th, at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street
Portland, ME 04101

Any person may appear at the meeting to question the Applicant regarding the proposal or the DHHS regarding the conditions that the Applicant must satisfy in order to receive a CON for the proposal.

Upon written request, any person may examine the application, submit comments in writing to DHHS at the address indicated below, regarding the application and examine the entire record assembled by DHHS at any time from the date of publication of this notice until the application process is closed for comment.

Certificate of Public Advantage Notice of Application Filed

DHHS also announces that an application for a Certificate of Public Advantage (COPA) was received on October 24, 2008. This announcement is made in accordance with the provisions of the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act, Title 22 MRSA chapter 405-A.

Applicants: MaineHealth and Webber Hospital Association d/b/a Southern Maine Medical Center (SMMC).

Description of Proposal: SMMC to become a subsidiary corporation of MaineHealth

Review Process: DHHS shall review and evaluate the application in accordance with the standards set forth in Title 22 MRSA chapter 405-A, The Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act. Any person may provide DHHS with written comments concerning the COPA application within 30 days of this public notice at the address listed below. Intervener status regarding the COPA application may be requested from DHHS at the address listed below within 14 days of this public notice.

DHHS shall issue a preliminary decision at least 5 days prior to issuing a final decision on the COPA application. The preliminary and final decision must be in writing and set forth the basis for the decision to grant or deny the application. The final decision must be issued no less than 40 days and no more than 90 days after the filing of the COPA application on October 24, 2008.

DHHS will provide copies of the letter of intent, application, preliminary and final decisions to persons who contact DHHS at the address below.

Certificate of Need - Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act Public Hearing

In addition, the following notice of public hearing is provided in accordance with the Maine Certificate of Need Act (22 MRSA section 339(2)), and The Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act (22 MRSA section 1844 (4)).

DHHS has scheduled a public hearing on the Applicant's proposal for SMMC to become a subsidiary corporation of MaineHealth. Following the CON public informational meeting, as indicated above, the public hearing will be held.

Meeting: Public Hearing
Date/Time: Monday, November 17th, at 12:30 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.
Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street
Portland, ME 04101

The purpose of this hearing is to gather information pertinent to this proposal and allow the Applicants, interveners, other directly affected persons and the public to have an opportunity to present information, documentary evidence, arguments, and comments questioning the documentation presented or raise issues and/or concerns to be considered by DHHS on this proposal.

Written comments concerning the CON application may be submitted to the address listed below no later than 05:00 p.m. December 17, 2008.

All written comments and requests should be sent to DHHS, Licensing and Regulatory Services, Certificate of Need Unit, Station House Station # 11, 41 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011, [TEL: (207) 287-9300, TDD (800) 606-0215, FAX (207) 287-5807.]