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To: Public Health and  
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2018

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR  
3 NURSING FACILITY BEDS TO A NONPROFIT SKILLED NURSING FACILITY  
4 CONSTRUCTING A "GREEN HOUSE MODEL" CAMPUS TO BE LOCATED IN YAZOO  
5 CITY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-7-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 41-7-191. (1) No person shall engage in any of the  
10 following activities without obtaining the required certificate of  
11 need:

12 (a) The construction, development or other  
13 establishment of a new health care facility;

14 (b) The relocation of a health care facility or portion  
15 thereof, or major medical equipment, unless such relocation of a  
16 health care facility or portion thereof, or major medical  
17 equipment, which does not involve a capital expenditure by or on  
18 behalf of a health care facility, is within five thousand two  
19 hundred eighty (5,280) feet from the main entrance of the health  
20 care facility;

21 (c) Any change in the existing bed complement of any  
22 health care facility through the addition or conversion of any  
23 beds or the alteration, modernizing or refurbishing of any unit or  
24 department in which the beds may be located; however, if a health  
25 care facility has voluntarily delicensed some of its existing bed  
26 complement, it may later relicense some or all of its delicensed  
27 beds without the necessity of having to acquire a certificate of  
28 need. The State Department of Health shall maintain a record of

29 the delicensing health care facility and its voluntarily  
30 delicensed beds and continue counting those beds as part of the  
31 state's total bed count for health care planning purposes. If a  
32 health care facility that has voluntarily delicensed some of its  
33 beds later desires to relicense some or all of its voluntarily  
34 delicensed beds, it shall notify the State Department of Health of  
35 its intent to increase the number of its licensed beds. The State  
36 Department of Health shall survey the health care facility within  
37 thirty (30) days of that notice and, if appropriate, issue the  
38 health care facility a new license reflecting the new contingent  
39 of beds. However, in no event may a health care facility that has  
40 voluntarily delicensed some of its beds be reissued a license to  
41 operate beds in excess of its bed count before the voluntary  
42 delicensure of some of its beds without seeking certificate of  
43 need approval;

44 (d) Offering of the following health services if those  
45 services have not been provided on a regular basis by the proposed  
46 provider of such services within the period of twelve (12) months  
47 prior to the time such services would be offered:

- 48 (i) Open heart surgery services;
- 49 (ii) Cardiac catheterization services;
- 50 (iii) Comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation  
51 services;
- 52 (iv) Licensed psychiatric services;
- 53 (v) Licensed chemical dependency services;
- 54 (vi) Radiation therapy services;
- 55 (vii) Diagnostic imaging services of an invasive  
56 nature, i.e. invasive digital angiography;
- 57 (viii) Nursing home care as defined in  
58 subparagraphs (iv), (vi) and (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h);
- 59 (ix) Home health services;
- 60 (x) Swing-bed services;
- 61 (xi) Ambulatory surgical services;

62                   (xii) Magnetic resonance imaging services;  
63                   (xiii) Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy  
64 services;  
65                   (xiv) Long-term care hospital services;  
66                   (xv) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) services;  
67           (e) The relocation of one or more health services from  
68 one physical facility or site to another physical facility or  
69 site, unless such relocation, which does not involve a capital  
70 expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility, (i) is to a  
71 physical facility or site within one thousand three hundred twenty  
72 (1,320) feet from the main entrance of the health care facility  
73 where the health care service is located, or (ii) is the result of  
74 an order of a court of appropriate jurisdiction or a result of  
75 pending litigation in such court, or by order of the State  
76 Department of Health, or by order of any other agency or legal  
77 entity of the state, the federal government, or any political  
78 subdivision of either, whose order is also approved by the State  
79 Department of Health;  
80           (f) The acquisition or otherwise control of any major  
81 medical equipment for the provision of medical services; provided,  
82 however, (i) the acquisition of any major medical equipment used  
83 only for research purposes, and (ii) the acquisition of major  
84 medical equipment to replace medical equipment for which a  
85 facility is already providing medical services and for which the  
86 State Department of Health has been notified before the date of  
87 such acquisition shall be exempt from this paragraph; an  
88 acquisition for less than fair market value must be reviewed, if  
89 the acquisition at fair market value would be subject to review;  
90           (g) Changes of ownership of existing health care  
91 facilities in which a notice of intent is not filed with the State  
92 Department of Health at least thirty (30) days prior to the date  
93 such change of ownership occurs, or a change in services or bed  
94 capacity as prescribed in paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection

95 as a result of the change of ownership; an acquisition for less  
96 than fair market value must be reviewed, if the acquisition at  
97 fair market value would be subject to review;

98 (h) The change of ownership of any health care facility  
99 defined in subparagraphs (iv), (vi) and (viii) of Section  
100 41-7-173(h), in which a notice of intent as described in paragraph  
101 (g) has not been filed and if the Executive Director, Division of  
102 Medicaid, Office of the Governor, has not certified in writing  
103 that there will be no increase in allowable costs to Medicaid from  
104 revaluation of the assets or from increased interest and  
105 depreciation as a result of the proposed change of ownership;

106 (i) Any activity described in paragraphs (a) through  
107 (h) if undertaken by any person if that same activity would  
108 require certificate of need approval if undertaken by a health  
109 care facility;

110 (j) Any capital expenditure or deferred capital  
111 expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility not covered  
112 by paragraphs (a) through (h);

113 (k) The contracting of a health care facility as  
114 defined in subparagraphs (i) through (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h)  
115 to establish a home office, subunit, or branch office in the space  
116 operated as a health care facility through a formal arrangement  
117 with an existing health care facility as defined in subparagraph  
118 (ix) of Section 41-7-173(h).

119 (2) The State Department of Health shall not grant approval  
120 for or issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new  
121 construction of, addition to, or expansion of any health care  
122 facility defined in subparagraphs (iv) (skilled nursing facility)  
123 and (vi) (intermediate care facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) or  
124 the conversion of vacant hospital beds to provide skilled or  
125 intermediate nursing home care, except as hereinafter authorized:

126 (a) The department may issue a certificate of need to  
127 any person proposing the new construction of any health care

128 facility defined in subparagraphs (iv) and (vi) of Section  
129 41-7-173(h) as part of a life care retirement facility, in any  
130 county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico in which is located a  
131 National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility, not to  
132 exceed forty (40) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall  
133 be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
134 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the health  
135 care facility that were authorized under this paragraph (a).

136 (b) The department may issue certificates of need in  
137 Harrison County to provide skilled nursing home care for  
138 Alzheimer's disease patients and other patients, not to exceed one  
139 hundred fifty (150) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there  
140 shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the  
141 Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the  
142 nursing facilities that were authorized under this paragraph (b).

143 (c) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
144 the addition to or expansion of any skilled nursing facility that  
145 is part of an existing continuing care retirement community  
146 located in Madison County, provided that the recipient of the  
147 certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing  
148 facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program  
149 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the  
150 skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
151 program. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
152 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
153 of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility  
154 is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate  
155 of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not  
156 participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the  
157 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this  
158 paragraph (c), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time  
159 after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the  
160 ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or

161 admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating  
162 in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall  
163 revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and  
164 shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility,  
165 at the time that the department determines, after a hearing  
166 complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply  
167 with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was  
168 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement  
169 by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of  
170 beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph  
171 (c) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.

172 (d) The State Department of Health may issue a  
173 certificate of need to any hospital located in DeSoto County for  
174 the new construction of a skilled nursing facility, not to exceed  
175 one hundred twenty (120) beds, in DeSoto County. From and after  
176 July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on  
177 participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.)  
178 for the beds in the nursing facility that were authorized under  
179 this paragraph (d).

180 (e) The State Department of Health may issue a  
181 certificate of need for the construction of a nursing facility or  
182 the conversion of beds to nursing facility beds at a personal care  
183 facility for the elderly in Lowndes County that is owned and  
184 operated by a Mississippi nonprofit corporation, not to exceed  
185 sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no  
186 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
187 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing  
188 facility that were authorized under this paragraph (e).

189 (f) The State Department of Health may issue a  
190 certificate of need for conversion of a county hospital facility  
191 in Itawamba County to a nursing facility, not to exceed sixty (60)  
192 beds, including any necessary construction, renovation or  
193 expansion. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no

194 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
195 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing  
196 facility that were authorized under this paragraph (f).

197 (g) The State Department of Health may issue a  
198 certificate of need for the construction or expansion of nursing  
199 facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility  
200 beds in either Hinds, Madison or Rankin County, not to exceed  
201 sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no  
202 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
203 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing  
204 facility that were authorized under this paragraph (g).

205 (h) The State Department of Health may issue a  
206 certificate of need for the construction or expansion of nursing  
207 facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility  
208 beds in either Hancock, Harrison or Jackson County, not to exceed  
209 sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no  
210 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
211 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the facility  
212 that were authorized under this paragraph (h).

213 (i) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
214 the new construction of a skilled nursing facility in Leake  
215 County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need  
216 agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at  
217 any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
218 seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing  
219 facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This  
220 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need  
221 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled  
222 nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred  
223 at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need.  
224 Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate  
225 in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a  
226 certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (i), and if

227 such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of  
228 the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the  
229 facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps  
230 any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
231 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
232 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
233 revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time  
234 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due  
235 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the  
236 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as  
237 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the  
238 recipient of the certificate of need. The provision of Section  
239 43-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of  
240 need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for  
241 the purposes of this paragraph. The total number of nursing  
242 facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need  
243 issued under this paragraph (i) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.  
244 If the skilled nursing facility authorized by the certificate of  
245 need issued under this paragraph is not constructed and fully  
246 operational within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1994, the  
247 State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due  
248 process, shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still  
249 outstanding, and shall not issue a license for the skilled nursing  
250 facility at any time after the expiration of the eighteen-month  
251 period.

252 (j) The department may issue certificates of need to  
253 allow any existing freestanding long-term care facility in  
254 Tishomingo County and Hancock County that on July 1, 1995, is  
255 licensed with fewer than sixty (60) beds. For the purposes of  
256 this paragraph (j), the provision of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
257 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
258 the current State Health Plan is waived. From and after July 1,  
259 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on

260 participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.)  
261 for the beds in the long-term care facilities that were authorized  
262 under this paragraph (j).

263 (k) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
264 the construction of a nursing facility at a continuing care  
265 retirement community in Lowndes County. The total number of beds  
266 that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph (k)  
267 shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 2001,  
268 the prohibition on the facility participating in the Medicaid  
269 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) that was a condition of  
270 issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph (k) shall  
271 be revised as follows: The nursing facility may participate in  
272 the Medicaid program from and after July 1, 2001, if the owner of  
273 the facility on July 1, 2001, agrees in writing that no more than  
274 thirty (30) of the beds at the facility will be certified for  
275 participation in the Medicaid program, and that no claim will be  
276 submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for more than thirty (30)  
277 patients in the facility in any month or for any patient in the  
278 facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This  
279 written agreement by the owner of the facility shall be a  
280 condition of licensure of the facility, and the agreement shall be  
281 fully binding on any subsequent owner of the facility if the  
282 ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after July 1,  
283 2001. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of  
284 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more  
285 than thirty (30) of the beds in the facility for participation in  
286 the Medicaid program. If the facility violates the terms of the  
287 written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a  
288 regular or continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are  
289 participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of  
290 Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at the time that  
291 the department determines, after a hearing complying with due  
292 process, that the facility has violated the written agreement.

293           (1) Provided that funds are specifically appropriated  
294 therefor by the Legislature, the department may issue a  
295 certificate of need to a rehabilitation hospital in Hinds County  
296 for the construction of a sixty-bed long-term care nursing  
297 facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with  
298 severe disabilities including persons with spinal cord and  
299 closed-head injuries and ventilator-dependent patients. The  
300 provision of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance  
301 with projection of need as reported in the current State Health  
302 Plan is hereby waived for the purpose of this paragraph.

303           (m) The State Department of Health may issue a  
304 certificate of need to a county-owned hospital in the Second  
305 Judicial District of Panola County for the conversion of not more  
306 than seventy-two (72) hospital beds to nursing facility beds,  
307 provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in  
308 writing that none of the beds at the nursing facility will be  
309 certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
310 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for  
311 Medicaid reimbursement in the nursing facility in any day or for  
312 any patient in the nursing facility. This written agreement by  
313 the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of  
314 the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and  
315 the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of  
316 the nursing facility if the ownership of the nursing facility is  
317 transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of  
318 need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of  
319 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify any  
320 of the beds in the nursing facility for participation in the  
321 Medicaid program. If the nursing facility violates the terms of  
322 the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the nursing  
323 facility on a regular or continuing basis any patients who are  
324 participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of  
325 Health shall revoke the license of the nursing facility, at the

326 time that the department determines, after a hearing complying  
327 with due process, that the nursing facility has violated the  
328 condition upon which the certificate of need was issued, as  
329 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement. If the  
330 certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued  
331 within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the department shall  
332 deny the application for the certificate of need and shall not  
333 issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month  
334 period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of  
335 need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing  
336 facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after  
337 July 1, 2001, the State Department of Health, after a hearing  
338 complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need  
339 if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a  
340 license for the nursing facility at any time after the  
341 eighteen-month period. Provided, however, that if the issuance of  
342 the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require  
343 substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six  
344 (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the  
345 certificate of need.

346 (n) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
347 the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing  
348 facility beds in Madison County, provided that the recipient of  
349 the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing  
350 facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program  
351 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the  
352 skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
353 program. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
354 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
355 of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility  
356 is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate  
357 of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not  
358 participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the

359 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this  
360 paragraph (n), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time  
361 after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the  
362 ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or  
363 admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating  
364 in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall  
365 revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and  
366 shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility,  
367 at the time that the department determines, after a hearing  
368 complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply  
369 with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was  
370 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement  
371 by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of  
372 nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of  
373 need issued under this paragraph (n) shall not exceed sixty (60)  
374 beds. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph  
375 is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 1998, the  
376 department shall deny the application for the certificate of need  
377 and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the  
378 twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the  
379 certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the  
380 nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18)  
381 months after the effective date of July 1, 1998, the State  
382 Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process,  
383 shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding,  
384 and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing  
385 facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. Provided,  
386 however, that if the issuance of the certificate of need is  
387 contested, the department shall require substantial construction  
388 of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final  
389 adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

390 (o) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
391 the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing

392 facility beds in Leake County, provided that the recipient of the  
393 certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing  
394 facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program  
395 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the  
396 skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
397 program. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
398 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
399 of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility  
400 is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate  
401 of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not  
402 participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the  
403 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this  
404 paragraph (o), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time  
405 after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the  
406 ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or  
407 admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating  
408 in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall  
409 revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and  
410 shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility,  
411 at the time that the department determines, after a hearing  
412 complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply  
413 with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was  
414 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement  
415 by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of  
416 nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of  
417 need issued under this paragraph (o) shall not exceed sixty (60)  
418 beds. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph  
419 is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the  
420 department shall deny the application for the certificate of need  
421 and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the  
422 twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the  
423 certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the  
424 nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18)

425 months after the effective date of July 1, 2001, the State  
426 Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process,  
427 shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding,  
428 and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing  
429 facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. Provided,  
430 however, that if the issuance of the certificate of need is  
431 contested, the department shall require substantial construction  
432 of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final  
433 adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

434 (p) The department may issue a certificate of need for  
435 the construction of a municipally-owned nursing facility within  
436 the Town of Belmont in Tishomingo County, not to exceed sixty (60)  
437 beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need  
438 agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at  
439 any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
440 seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing  
441 facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This  
442 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need  
443 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled  
444 nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred  
445 at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need.  
446 Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate  
447 in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a  
448 certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (p), and if  
449 such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of  
450 the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the  
451 facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps  
452 any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
453 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
454 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
455 revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time  
456 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due  
457 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the

458 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as  
459 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the  
460 recipient of the certificate of need. The provision of Section  
461 43-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of  
462 need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for  
463 the purposes of this paragraph. If the certificate of need  
464 authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12)  
465 months after July 1, 1998, the department shall deny the  
466 application for the certificate of need and shall not issue the  
467 certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period,  
468 unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is  
469 issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds  
470 has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1998,  
471 the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due  
472 process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still  
473 outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the  
474 nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period.  
475 Provided, however, that if the issuance of the certificate of need  
476 is contested, the department shall require substantial  
477 construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months  
478 after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of  
479 need.

480 (q) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State  
481 Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each  
482 of the next four (4) fiscal years for the construction or  
483 expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds  
484 to nursing facility beds in each county in the state having a need  
485 for fifty (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown  
486 in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, in the manner provided  
487 in this paragraph (q). The total number of nursing facility beds  
488 that may be authorized by any certificate of need authorized under  
489 this paragraph (q) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.

490                   (ii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph  
491 (v), during each of the next four (4) fiscal years, the department  
492 shall issue six (6) certificates of need for new nursing facility  
493 beds, as follows: During fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002, one  
494 (1) certificate of need shall be issued for new nursing facility  
495 beds in the county in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care Planning  
496 Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan  
497 that has the highest need in the district for those beds; and two  
498 (2) certificates of need shall be issued for new nursing facility  
499 beds in the two (2) counties from the state at large that have the  
500 highest need in the state for those beds, when considering the  
501 need on a statewide basis and without regard to the Long-Term Care  
502 Planning Districts in which the counties are located. During  
503 fiscal year 2003, one (1) certificate of need shall be issued for  
504 new nursing facility beds in any county having a need for fifty  
505 (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown in the  
506 fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, that has not received a  
507 certificate of need under this paragraph (q) during the three (3)  
508 previous fiscal years. During fiscal year 2000, in addition to  
509 the six (6) certificates of need authorized in this subparagraph,  
510 the department also shall issue a certificate of need for new  
511 nursing facility beds in Amite County and a certificate of need  
512 for new nursing facility beds in Carroll County.

513                   (iii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph  
514 (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for  
515 nursing facility beds in each Long-Term Care Planning District  
516 during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing  
517 facility beds in the county in the district having the highest  
518 need for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health  
519 Plan. If there are no applications for a certificate of need for  
520 nursing facility beds in the county having the highest need for  
521 those beds by the date specified by the department, then the  
522 certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds

523 in other counties in the district in descending order of the need  
524 for those beds, from the county with the second highest need to  
525 the county with the lowest need, until an application is received  
526 for nursing facility beds in an eligible county in the district.

527 (iv) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph  
528 (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for  
529 nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties from the state at  
530 large during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing  
531 facility beds in the two (2) counties that have the highest need  
532 in the state for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999  
533 State Health Plan, when considering the need on a statewide basis  
534 and without regard to the Long-Term Care Planning Districts in  
535 which the counties are located. If there are no applications for  
536 a certificate of need for nursing facility beds in either of the  
537 two (2) counties having the highest need for those beds on a  
538 statewide basis by the date specified by the department, then the  
539 certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds  
540 in other counties from the state at large in descending order of  
541 the need for those beds on a statewide basis, from the county with  
542 the second highest need to the county with the lowest need, until  
543 an application is received for nursing facility beds in an  
544 eligible county from the state at large.

545 (v) If a certificate of need is authorized to be  
546 issued under this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a  
547 county on the basis of the need in the Long-Term Care Planning  
548 District during any fiscal year of the four-year period, a  
549 certificate of need shall not also be available under this  
550 paragraph (q) for additional nursing facility beds in that county  
551 on the basis of the need in the state at large, and that county  
552 shall be excluded in determining which counties have the highest  
553 need for nursing facility beds in the state at large for that  
554 fiscal year. After a certificate of need has been issued under  
555 this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a county during

556 any fiscal year of the four-year period, a certificate of need  
557 shall not be available again under this paragraph (q) for  
558 additional nursing facility beds in that county during the  
559 four-year period, and that county shall be excluded in determining  
560 which counties have the highest need for nursing facility beds in  
561 succeeding fiscal years.

562 (vi) If more than one (1) application is made for  
563 a certificate of need for nursing home facility beds available  
564 under this paragraph (q), in Yalobusha, Newton or Tallahatchie  
565 County, and one (1) of the applicants is a county-owned hospital  
566 located in the county where the nursing facility beds are  
567 available, the department shall give priority to the county-owned  
568 hospital in granting the certificate of need if the following  
569 conditions are met:

570 1. The county-owned hospital fully meets all  
571 applicable criteria and standards required to obtain a certificate  
572 of need for the nursing facility beds; and

573 2. The county-owned hospital's qualifications  
574 for the certificate of need, as shown in its application and as  
575 determined by the department, are at least equal to the  
576 qualifications of the other applicants for the certificate of  
577 need.

578 (r) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State  
579 Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each  
580 of the next two (2) fiscal years for the construction or expansion  
581 of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to  
582 nursing facility beds in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care  
583 Planning Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health  
584 Plan, to provide care exclusively to patients with Alzheimer's  
585 disease.

586 (ii) Not more than twenty (20) beds may be  
587 authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph  
588 (r), and not more than a total of sixty (60) beds may be

589 authorized in any Long-Term Care Planning District by all  
590 certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r). However,  
591 the total number of beds that may be authorized by all  
592 certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r) during any  
593 fiscal year shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) beds, and  
594 the total number of beds that may be authorized in any Long-Term  
595 Care Planning District during any fiscal year shall not exceed  
596 forty (40) beds. Of the certificates of need that are issued for  
597 each Long-Term Care Planning District during the next two (2)  
598 fiscal years, at least one (1) shall be issued for beds in the  
599 northern part of the district, at least one (1) shall be issued  
600 for beds in the central part of the district, and at least one (1)  
601 shall be issued for beds in the southern part of the district.

602 (iii) The State Department of Health, in  
603 consultation with the Department of Mental Health and the Division  
604 of Medicaid, shall develop and prescribe the staffing levels,  
605 space requirements and other standards and requirements that must  
606 be met with regard to the nursing facility beds authorized under  
607 this paragraph (r) to provide care exclusively to patients with  
608 Alzheimer's disease.

609 (s) The State Department of Health may issue a  
610 certificate of need to a nonprofit skilled nursing facility using  
611 the Green House model of skilled nursing care and located in Yazoo  
612 City, Yazoo County, Mississippi, for the construction, expansion  
613 or conversion of not more than nineteen (19) nursing facility  
614 beds. For purposes of this paragraph (s), the provisions of  
615 Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the  
616 projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan  
617 and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal  
618 certificate of need hearing process are waived. There shall be no  
619 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid  
620 program for the person receiving the certificate of need  
621 authorized under this paragraph (s).

622           (3) The State Department of Health may grant approval for  
623 and issue certificates of need to any person proposing the new  
624 construction of, addition to, conversion of beds of or expansion  
625 of any health care facility defined in subparagraph (x)  
626 (psychiatric residential treatment facility) of Section  
627 41-7-173(h). The total number of beds which may be authorized by  
628 such certificates of need shall not exceed three hundred  
629 thirty-four (334) beds for the entire state.

630           (a) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
631 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a  
632 privately-owned psychiatric residential treatment facility in  
633 Simpson County for the conversion of sixteen (16) intermediate  
634 care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR) beds to  
635 psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, provided that  
636 facility agrees in writing that the facility shall give priority  
637 for the use of those sixteen (16) beds to Mississippi residents  
638 who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities.

639           (b) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
640 subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates  
641 of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric  
642 residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other  
643 beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility beds in Warren  
644 County, not to exceed sixty (60) psychiatric residential treatment  
645 facility beds, provided that the facility agrees in writing that  
646 no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the psychiatric  
647 residential treatment facility will be certified for participation  
648 in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the use of  
649 any patients other than those who are participating only in the  
650 Medicaid program of another state, and that no claim will be  
651 submitted to the Division of Medicaid for Medicaid reimbursement  
652 for more than thirty (30) patients in the psychiatric residential  
653 treatment facility in any day or for any patient in the  
654 psychiatric residential treatment facility who is in a bed that is

655 not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the recipient  
656 of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of  
657 the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement  
658 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the psychiatric  
659 residential treatment facility if the ownership of the facility is  
660 transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of  
661 need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of  
662 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more  
663 than thirty (30) of the beds in the psychiatric residential  
664 treatment facility for participation in the Medicaid program for  
665 the use of any patients other than those who are participating  
666 only in the Medicaid program of another state. If the psychiatric  
667 residential treatment facility violates the terms of the written  
668 agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or  
669 continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are  
670 participating in the Mississippi Medicaid program, the State  
671 Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at  
672 the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying  
673 with due process, that the facility has violated the condition  
674 upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this  
675 paragraph and in the written agreement.

676         The State Department of Health, on or before July 1, 2002,  
677 shall transfer the certificate of need authorized under the  
678 authority of this paragraph (b), or reissue the certificate of  
679 need if it has expired, to River Region Health System.

680         (c) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
681 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a  
682 hospital currently operating Medicaid-certified acute psychiatric  
683 beds for adolescents in DeSoto County, for the establishment of a  
684 forty-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto  
685 County, provided that the hospital agrees in writing (i) that the  
686 hospital shall give priority for the use of those forty (40) beds  
687 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in

688 out-of-state facilities, and (ii) that no more than fifteen (15)  
689 of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will  
690 be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
691 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for  
692 Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifteen (15) patients in the  
693 psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any  
694 patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is  
695 in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement  
696 by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition  
697 of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph,  
698 and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
699 of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership  
700 of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of  
701 the certificate of need. After this written agreement is  
702 executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of  
703 Health shall not certify more than fifteen (15) of the beds in the  
704 psychiatric residential treatment facility for participation in  
705 the Medicaid program. If the psychiatric residential treatment  
706 facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting  
707 or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more  
708 than fifteen (15) patients who are participating in the Medicaid  
709 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license  
710 of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after  
711 a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has  
712 violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was  
713 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written  
714 agreement.

715 (d) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
716 subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates  
717 of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric  
718 residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other  
719 beds to psychiatric treatment facility beds, not to exceed thirty  
720 (30) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, in either

721 Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, Chickasaw,  
722 Pontotoc, Calhoun, Lafayette, Union, Benton or Tippah County.

723 (e) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
724 subsection (3) the department shall issue a certificate of need to  
725 a privately-owned, nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment  
726 facility in Hinds County for an eight-bed expansion of the  
727 facility, provided that the facility agrees in writing that the  
728 facility shall give priority for the use of those eight (8) beds  
729 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in  
730 out-of-state facilities.

731 (f) The department shall issue a certificate of need to  
732 a one-hundred-thirty-four-bed specialty hospital located on  
733 twenty-nine and forty-four one-hundredths (29.44) commercial acres  
734 at 5900 Highway 39 North in Meridian (Lauderdale County),  
735 Mississippi, for the addition, construction or expansion of  
736 child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds  
737 in Lauderdale County. As a condition of issuance of the  
738 certificate of need under this paragraph, the facility shall give  
739 priority in admissions to the child/adolescent psychiatric  
740 residential treatment facility beds authorized under this  
741 paragraph to patients who otherwise would require out-of-state  
742 placement. The Division of Medicaid, in conjunction with the  
743 Department of Human Services, shall furnish the facility a list of  
744 all out-of-state patients on a quarterly basis. Furthermore,  
745 notice shall also be provided to the parent, custodial parent or  
746 guardian of each out-of-state patient notifying them of the  
747 priority status granted by this paragraph. For purposes of this  
748 paragraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
749 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
750 the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of  
751 child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds  
752 that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph shall  
753 be sixty (60) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions

754 on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
755 seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized  
756 under this paragraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
757 authority of that certificate of need.

758 (4) (a) From and after July 1, 1993, the department shall  
759 not issue a certificate of need to any person for the new  
760 construction of any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
761 dependency hospital that will contain any child/adolescent  
762 psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, or for  
763 the conversion of any other health care facility to a hospital,  
764 psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will  
765 contain any child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent  
766 chemical dependency beds, or for the addition of any  
767 child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical  
768 dependency beds in any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
769 dependency hospital, or for the conversion of any beds of another  
770 category in any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
771 dependency hospital to child/adolescent psychiatric or  
772 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, except as hereinafter  
773 authorized:

774 (i) The department may issue certificates of need  
775 to any person for any purpose described in this subsection,  
776 provided that the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
777 dependency hospital does not participate in the Medicaid program  
778 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) at the time of the application for the  
779 certificate of need and the owner of the hospital, psychiatric  
780 hospital or chemical dependency hospital agrees in writing that  
781 the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital  
782 will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program or admit  
783 or keep any patients who are participating in the Medicaid program  
784 in the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
785 hospital. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
786 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner

787 of the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
788 hospital, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any  
789 time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement  
790 that the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
791 hospital will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a  
792 condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person  
793 under this subparagraph (a)(i), and if such hospital, psychiatric  
794 hospital or chemical dependency hospital at any time after the  
795 issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership  
796 of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or  
797 keeps any patients in the hospital, psychiatric hospital or  
798 chemical dependency hospital who are participating in the Medicaid  
799 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
800 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
801 revoke the license of the hospital, psychiatric hospital or  
802 chemical dependency hospital, at the time that the department  
803 determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the  
804 hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital has  
805 failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the  
806 certificate of need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph  
807 and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate  
808 of need.

809           (ii) The department may issue a certificate of  
810 need for the conversion of existing beds in a county hospital in  
811 Choctaw County from acute care beds to child/adolescent chemical  
812 dependency beds. For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
813 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance  
814 with the projection of need as reported in the current State  
815 Health Plan is waived. The total number of beds that may be  
816 authorized under authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed  
817 twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions  
818 on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
819 seq.) for the hospital receiving the certificate of need

820 authorized under this subparagraph (a)(ii) or for the beds  
821 converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

822 (iii) The department may issue a certificate or  
823 certificates of need for the construction or expansion of  
824 child/adolescent psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds  
825 to child/adolescent psychiatric beds in Warren County. For  
826 purposes of this subparagraph, the provisions of Section  
827 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection  
828 of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived.  
829 The total number of beds that may be authorized under the  
830 authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds.  
831 There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in  
832 the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person  
833 receiving the certificate of need authorized under this  
834 subparagraph (a)(iii) or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
835 authority of that certificate of need.

836 If by January 1, 2002, there has been no significant  
837 commencement of construction of the beds authorized under this  
838 subparagraph (a)(iii), or no significant action taken to convert  
839 existing beds to the beds authorized under this subparagraph, then  
840 the certificate of need that was previously issued under this  
841 subparagraph shall expire. If the previously issued certificate  
842 of need expires, the department may accept applications for  
843 issuance of another certificate of need for the beds authorized  
844 under this subparagraph, and may issue a certificate of need to  
845 authorize the construction, expansion or conversion of the beds  
846 authorized under this subparagraph.

847 (iv) The department shall issue a certificate of  
848 need to the Region 7 Mental Health/Retardation Commission for the  
849 construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric beds or  
850 the conversion of other beds to child/adolescent psychiatric beds  
851 in any of the counties served by the commission. For purposes of  
852 this subparagraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring

853 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
854 the current State Health Plan is waived. The total number of beds  
855 that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph  
856 shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition  
857 or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
858 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of  
859 need authorized under this subparagraph (a)(iv) or for the beds  
860 converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

861 (v) The department may issue a certificate of need  
862 to any county hospital located in Leflore County for the  
863 construction or expansion of adult psychiatric beds or the  
864 conversion of other beds to adult psychiatric beds, not to exceed  
865 twenty (20) beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate  
866 of need agrees in writing that the adult psychiatric beds will not  
867 at any time be certified for participation in the Medicaid program  
868 and that the hospital will not admit or keep any patients who are  
869 participating in the Medicaid program in any of such adult  
870 psychiatric beds. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
871 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
872 of the hospital if the ownership of the hospital is transferred at  
873 any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement  
874 that the adult psychiatric beds will not be certified for  
875 participation in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the  
876 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this  
877 subparagraph (a)(v), and if such hospital at any time after the  
878 issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership  
879 of the hospital, has any of such adult psychiatric beds certified  
880 for participation in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any  
881 Medicaid patients in such adult psychiatric beds, the State  
882 Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it  
883 is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the  
884 hospital at the time that the department determines, after a  
885 hearing complying with due process, that the hospital has failed

886 to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of  
887 need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph and in the  
888 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need.

889 (vi) The department may issue a certificate or  
890 certificates of need for the expansion of child psychiatric beds  
891 or the conversion of other beds to child psychiatric beds at the  
892 University of Mississippi Medical Center. For purposes of this  
893 subparagraph (a)(vi), the provision of Section 41-7-193(1)  
894 requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as  
895 reported in the current State Health Plan is waived. The total  
896 number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this  
897 subparagraph (a)(vi) shall not exceed fifteen (15) beds. There  
898 shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the  
899 Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital  
900 receiving the certificate of need authorized under this  
901 subparagraph (a)(vi) or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
902 authority of that certificate of need.

903 (b) From and after July 1, 1990, no hospital,  
904 psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital shall be  
905 authorized to add any child/adolescent psychiatric or  
906 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds or convert any beds of  
907 another category to child/adolescent psychiatric or  
908 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds without a certificate of  
909 need under the authority of subsection (1)(c) of this section.

910 (5) The department may issue a certificate of need to a  
911 county hospital in Winston County for the conversion of fifteen  
912 (15) acute care beds to geriatric psychiatric care beds.

913 (6) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate  
914 of need to a Mississippi corporation qualified to manage a  
915 long-term care hospital as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(xii) in  
916 Harrison County, not to exceed eighty (80) beds, including any  
917 necessary renovation or construction required for licensure and  
918 certification, provided that the recipient of the certificate of

919 need agrees in writing that the long-term care hospital will not  
920 at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101  
921 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the long-term care  
922 hospital who are participating in the Medicaid program. This  
923 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need  
924 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the long-term  
925 care hospital, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at  
926 any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement  
927 that the long-term care hospital will not participate in the  
928 Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a  
929 certificate of need to any person under this subsection (6), and  
930 if such long-term care hospital at any time after the issuance of  
931 the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the  
932 facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps  
933 any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
934 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
935 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
936 revoke the license of the long-term care hospital, at the time  
937 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due  
938 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the  
939 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as  
940 provided in this subsection and in the written agreement by the  
941 recipient of the certificate of need. For purposes of this  
942 subsection, the provision of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
943 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
944 the current State Health Plan is hereby waived.

945 (7) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate  
946 of need to any hospital in the state to utilize a portion of its  
947 beds for the "swing-bed" concept. Any such hospital must be in  
948 conformance with the federal regulations regarding such swing-bed  
949 concept at the time it submits its application for a certificate  
950 of need to the State Department of Health, except that such  
951 hospital may have more licensed beds or a higher average daily

952 census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in federal  
953 regulations for participation in the swing-bed program. Any  
954 hospital meeting all federal requirements for participation in the  
955 swing-bed program which receives such certificate of need shall  
956 render services provided under the swing-bed concept to any  
957 patient eligible for Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security  
958 Act) who is certified by a physician to be in need of such  
959 services, and no such hospital shall permit any patient who is  
960 eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare or eligible only for  
961 Medicaid to stay in the swing beds of the hospital for more than  
962 thirty (30) days per admission unless the hospital receives prior  
963 approval for such patient from the Division of Medicaid, Office of  
964 the Governor. Any hospital having more licensed beds or a higher  
965 average daily census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in  
966 federal regulations for participation in the swing-bed program  
967 which receives such certificate of need shall develop a procedure  
968 to insure that before a patient is allowed to stay in the swing  
969 beds of the hospital, there are no vacant nursing home beds  
970 available for that patient located within a fifty-mile radius of  
971 the hospital. When any such hospital has a patient staying in the  
972 swing beds of the hospital and the hospital receives notice from a  
973 nursing home located within such radius that there is a vacant bed  
974 available for that patient, the hospital shall transfer the  
975 patient to the nursing home within a reasonable time after receipt  
976 of the notice. Any hospital which is subject to the requirements  
977 of the two (2) preceding sentences of this subsection may be  
978 suspended from participation in the swing-bed program for a  
979 reasonable period of time by the State Department of Health if the  
980 department, after a hearing complying with due process, determines  
981 that the hospital has failed to comply with any of those  
982 requirements.

983 (8) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or  
984 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new

985 construction of, addition to or expansion of a health care  
986 facility as defined in subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h).

987 (9) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or  
988 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the  
989 establishment of, or expansion of the currently approved territory  
990 of, or the contracting to establish a home office, subunit or  
991 branch office within the space operated as a health care facility  
992 as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(i) through (viii) by a health  
993 care facility as defined in subparagraph (ix) of Section  
994 41-7-173(h).

995 (10) Health care facilities owned and/or operated by the  
996 state or its agencies are exempt from the restraints in this  
997 section against issuance of a certificate of need if such addition  
998 or expansion consists of repairing or renovation necessary to  
999 comply with the state licensure law. This exception shall not  
1000 apply to the new construction of any building by such state  
1001 facility. This exception shall not apply to any health care  
1002 facilities owned and/or operated by counties, municipalities,  
1003 districts, unincorporated areas, other defined persons, or any  
1004 combination thereof.

1005 (11) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or  
1006 addition to any health care facility defined in subparagraph (ii)  
1007 (psychiatric hospital), subparagraph (iv) (skilled nursing  
1008 facility), subparagraph (vi) (intermediate care facility),  
1009 subparagraph (viii) (intermediate care facility for the mentally  
1010 retarded) and subparagraph (x) (psychiatric residential treatment  
1011 facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) which is owned by the State of  
1012 Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State  
1013 Department of Mental Health, and the addition of new beds or the  
1014 conversion of beds from one category to another in any such  
1015 defined health care facility which is owned by the State of  
1016 Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State  
1017 Department of Mental Health, shall not require the issuance of a

1018 certificate of need under Section 41-7-171 et seq.,  
1019 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1020 contrary.

1021 (12) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or  
1022 addition to any veterans homes or domiciliaries for eligible  
1023 veterans of the State of Mississippi as authorized under Section  
1024 35-1-19 shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need,  
1025 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1026 contrary.

1027 (13) The new construction of a nursing facility or nursing  
1028 facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility  
1029 beds shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need,  
1030 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1031 contrary, if the conditions of this subsection are met.

1032 (a) Before any construction or conversion may be  
1033 undertaken without a certificate of need, the owner of the nursing  
1034 facility, in the case of an existing facility, or the applicant to  
1035 construct a nursing facility, in the case of new construction,  
1036 first must file a written notice of intent and sign a written  
1037 agreement with the State Department of Health that the entire  
1038 nursing facility will not at any time participate in or have any  
1039 beds certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
1040 43-13-101 et seq.), will not admit or keep any patients in the  
1041 nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program,  
1042 and will not submit any claim for Medicaid reimbursement for any  
1043 patient in the facility. This written agreement by the owner or  
1044 applicant shall be a condition of exercising the authority under  
1045 this subsection without a certificate of need, and the agreement  
1046 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the nursing  
1047 facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any  
1048 time after the agreement is signed. After the written agreement  
1049 is signed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of  
1050 Health shall not certify any beds in the nursing facility for

1051 participation in the Medicaid program. If the nursing facility  
1052 violates the terms of the written agreement by participating in  
1053 the Medicaid program, having any beds certified for participation  
1054 in the Medicaid program, admitting or keeping any patient in the  
1055 facility who is participating in the Medicaid program, or  
1056 submitting any claim for Medicaid reimbursement for any patient in  
1057 the facility, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
1058 license of the nursing facility at the time that the department  
1059 determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the  
1060 facility has violated the terms of the written agreement.

1061 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, participation  
1062 in the Medicaid program by a nursing facility includes Medicaid  
1063 reimbursement of coinsurance and deductibles for recipients who  
1064 are qualified Medicare beneficiaries and/or those who are dually  
1065 eligible. Any nursing facility exercising the authority under  
1066 this subsection may not bill or submit a claim to the Division of  
1067 Medicaid for services to qualified Medicare beneficiaries and/or  
1068 those who are dually eligible.

1069 (c) The new construction of a nursing facility or  
1070 nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing  
1071 facility beds described in this section must be either a part of a  
1072 completely new continuing care retirement community, as described  
1073 in the latest edition of the Mississippi State Health Plan, or an  
1074 addition to existing personal care and independent living  
1075 components, and so that the completed project will be a continuing  
1076 care retirement community, containing (i) independent living  
1077 accommodations, (ii) personal care beds, and (iii) the nursing  
1078 home facility beds. The three (3) components must be located on a  
1079 single site and be operated as one (1) inseparable facility. The  
1080 nursing facility component must contain a minimum of thirty (30)  
1081 beds. Any nursing facility beds authorized by this section will  
1082 not be counted against the bed need set forth in the State Health  
1083 Plan, as identified in Section 41-7-171 et seq.

1084           This subsection (13) shall stand repealed from and after July  
1085 1, 2005.

1086           (14) The State Department of Health shall issue a  
1087 certificate of need to any hospital which is currently licensed  
1088 for two hundred fifty (250) or more acute care beds and is located  
1089 in any general hospital service area not having a comprehensive  
1090 cancer center, for the establishment and equipping of such a  
1091 center which provides facilities and services for outpatient  
1092 radiation oncology therapy, outpatient medical oncology therapy,  
1093 and appropriate support services including the provision of  
1094 radiation therapy services. The provision of Section 41-7-193(1)  
1095 regarding substantial compliance with the projection of need as  
1096 reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for the  
1097 purpose of this subsection.

1098           (15) The State Department of Health may authorize the  
1099 transfer of hospital beds, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, from the  
1100 North Panola Community Hospital to the South Panola Community  
1101 Hospital. The authorization for the transfer of those beds shall  
1102 be exempt from the certificate of need review process.

1103           (16) The State Department of Health shall issue any  
1104 certificates of need necessary for Mississippi State University  
1105 and a public or private health care provider to jointly acquire  
1106 and operate a linear accelerator and a magnetic resonance imaging  
1107 unit. Those certificates of need shall cover all capital  
1108 expenditures related to the project between Mississippi State  
1109 University and the health care provider, including, but not  
1110 limited to, the acquisition of the linear accelerator, the  
1111 magnetic resonance imaging unit and other radiological modalities;  
1112 the offering of linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging  
1113 services; and the cost of construction of facilities in which to  
1114 locate these services. The linear accelerator and the magnetic  
1115 resonance imaging unit shall be (a) located in the City of  
1116 Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi; (b) operated jointly by

1117 Mississippi State University and the public or private health care  
1118 provider selected by Mississippi State University through a  
1119 request for proposals (RFP) process in which Mississippi State  
1120 University selects, and the Board of Trustees of State  
1121 Institutions of Higher Learning approves, the health care provider  
1122 that makes the best overall proposal; (c) available to Mississippi  
1123 State University for research purposes two-thirds (2/3) of the  
1124 time that the linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging  
1125 unit are operational; and (d) available to the public or private  
1126 health care provider selected by Mississippi State University and  
1127 approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
1128 Learning one-third (1/3) of the time for clinical, diagnostic and  
1129 treatment purposes. For purposes of this subsection, the  
1130 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance  
1131 with the projection of need as reported in the current State  
1132 Health Plan are waived.

1133 (17) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of  
1134 Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any nursing facility from  
1135 designating an appropriate number of existing beds in the facility  
1136 as beds for providing care exclusively to patients with  
1137 Alzheimer's disease.

1138 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1139 and after its passage.