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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE TUNICA COUNTY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY, TUNICA
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OR OTHER AUTHORIZED MANAGING ENTITY
4 MAY APPLY FOR, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ISSUE, A
5 CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL
6 IN TUNICA COUNTY UPON DEMONSTRATION OF THE FEASIBLE VIABILITY OF
7 SUCH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

14 (a) The construction, development or other
15 establishment of a new health care facility, which establishment
16 shall include the reopening of a health care facility that has
17 ceased to operate for a period of sixty (60) months or more;

18 (b) The relocation of a health care facility or portion
19 thereof, or major medical equipment, unless such relocation of a
20 health care facility or portion thereof, or major medical



21 equipment, which does not involve a capital expenditure by or on
22 behalf of a health care facility, is within five thousand two
23 hundred eighty (5,280) feet from the main entrance of the health
24 care facility;

25 (c) Any change in the existing bed complement of any
26 health care facility through the addition or conversion of any
27 beds or the alteration, modernizing or refurbishing of any unit or
28 department in which the beds may be located; however, if a health
29 care facility has voluntarily delicensed some of its existing bed
30 complement, it may later relicense some or all of its delicensed
31 beds without the necessity of having to acquire a certificate of
32 need. The State Department of Health shall maintain a record of
33 the delicensing health care facility and its voluntarily
34 delicensed beds and continue counting those beds as part of the
35 state's total bed count for health care planning purposes. If a
36 health care facility that has voluntarily delicensed some of its
37 beds later desires to relicense some or all of its voluntarily
38 delicensed beds, it shall notify the State Department of Health of
39 its intent to increase the number of its licensed beds. The State
40 Department of Health shall survey the health care facility within
41 thirty (30) days of that notice and, if appropriate, issue the
42 health care facility a new license reflecting the new contingent
43 of beds. However, in no event may a health care facility that has
44 voluntarily delicensed some of its beds be reissued a license to
45 operate beds in excess of its bed count before the voluntary



46 delicensure of some of its beds without seeking certificate of
47 need approval;

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

52 (i) Open-heart surgery services;

53 (ii) Cardiac catheterization services;

54 (iii) Comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation
55 services;

56 (iv) Licensed psychiatric services;

57 (v) Licensed chemical dependency services;

58 (vi) Radiation therapy services;

59 (vii) Diagnostic imaging services of an invasive
60 nature, i.e. invasive digital angiography;

61 (viii) Nursing home care as defined in
62 subparagraphs (iv), (vi) and (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h);

63 (ix) Home health services;

64 (x) Swing-bed services;

65 (xi) Ambulatory surgical services;

66 (xii) Magnetic resonance imaging services;

67 (xiii) [Deleted]

68 (xiv) Long-term care hospital services;

69 (xv) Positron emission tomography (PET) services;



(e) The relocation of one or more health services from one physical facility or site to another physical facility or site, unless such relocation, which does not involve a capital expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility, (i) is to a physical facility or site within five thousand two hundred eighty (5,280) feet from the main entrance of the health care facility where the health care service is located, or (ii) is the result of an order of a court of appropriate jurisdiction or a result of pending litigation in such court, or by order of the State Department of Health, or by order of any other agency or legal entity of the state, the federal government, or any political subdivision of either, whose order is also approved by the State Department of Health;

(f) The acquisition or otherwise control of any major medical equipment for the provision of medical services; however, (i) the acquisition of any major medical equipment used only for research purposes, and (ii) the acquisition of major medical equipment to replace medical equipment for which a facility is already providing medical services and for which the State Department of Health has been notified before the date of such acquisition shall be exempt from this paragraph; an acquisition for less than fair market value must be reviewed, if the acquisition at fair market value would be subject to review;

(g) Changes of ownership of existing health care facilities in which a notice of intent is not filed with the State



95 Department of Health at least thirty (30) days prior to the date
96 such change of ownership occurs, or a change in services or bed
97 capacity as prescribed in paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection
98 as a result of the change of ownership; an acquisition for less
99 than fair market value must be reviewed, if the acquisition at
100 fair market value would be subject to review;

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

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

113 (j) Any capital expenditure or deferred capital
114 expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility not covered
115 by paragraphs (a) through (h);

116 (k) The contracting of a health care facility as
117 defined in subparagraphs (i) through (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h)
118 to establish a home office, subunit, or branch office in the space
119 operated as a health care facility through a formal arrangement



with an existing health care facility as defined in subparagraph
(ix) of Section 41-7-173(h);

(1) The replacement or relocation of a health care facility designated as a critical access hospital shall be exempt from subsection (1) of this section so long as the critical access hospital complies with all applicable federal law and regulations regarding such replacement or relocation;

(m) Reopening a health care facility that has ceased to operate for a period of sixty (60) months or more, which reopening requires a certificate of need for the establishment of a new health care facility.

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

(a) The department may issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new construction of any health care facility defined in subparagraphs (iv) and (vi) of Section 41-7-173(h) as part of a life care retirement facility, in any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico in which is located a National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility, not to exceed forty (40) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall



145 be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid
146 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the health
147 care facility that were authorized under this paragraph (a).

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

155 (c) The department may issue a certificate of need for
156 the addition to or expansion of any skilled nursing facility that
157 is part of an existing continuing care retirement community
158 located in Madison County, provided that the recipient of the
159 certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing
160 facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program
161 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the
162 skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid
163 program. This written agreement by the recipient of the
164 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner
165 of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility
166 is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate
167 of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not
168 participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the
169 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this



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

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

(e) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need for the construction of a nursing facility or the conversion of beds to nursing facility beds at a personal care



195 facility for the elderly in Lowndes County that is owned and
196 operated by a Mississippi nonprofit corporation, not to exceed
197 sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no
198 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid
199 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing
200 facility that were authorized under this paragraph (e).

201 (f) The State Department of Health may issue a
202 certificate of need for conversion of a county hospital facility
203 in Itawamba County to a nursing facility, not to exceed sixty (60)
204 beds, including any necessary construction, renovation or
205 expansion. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no
206 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid
207 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing
208 facility that were authorized under this paragraph (f).

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

217 (h) The State Department of Health may issue a
218 certificate of need for the construction or expansion of nursing
219 facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility



beds in either Hancock, Harrison or Jackson County, not to exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the facility that were authorized under this paragraph (h).

(i) The department may issue a certificate of need for the new construction of a skilled nursing facility in Leake County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (i), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or



245 revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time
246 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due
247 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the
248 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as
249 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the
250 recipient of the certificate of need. The provision of Section
251 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of
252 need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for
253 the purposes of this paragraph. The total number of nursing
254 facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need
255 issued under this paragraph (i) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.
256 If the skilled nursing facility authorized by the certificate of
257 need issued under this paragraph is not constructed and fully
258 operational within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1994, the
259 State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due
260 process, shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still
261 outstanding, and shall not issue a license for the skilled nursing
262 facility at any time after the expiration of the eighteen-month
263 period.

264 (j) The department may issue certificates of need to
265 allow any existing freestanding long-term care facility in
266 Tishomingo County and Hancock County that on July 1, 1995, is
267 licensed with fewer than sixty (60) beds. For the purposes of
268 this paragraph (j), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1)
269 requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as



reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the long-term care facilities that were authorized under this paragraph (j).

(k) The department may issue a certificate of need for the construction of a nursing facility at a continuing care retirement community in Lowndes County. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph (k) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 2001, the prohibition on the facility participating in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) that was a condition of issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph (k) shall be revised as follows: The nursing facility may participate in the Medicaid program from and after July 1, 2001, if the owner of the facility on July 1, 2001, agrees in writing that no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program, and that no claim will be submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for more than thirty (30) patients in the facility in any month or for any patient in the facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the owner of the facility shall be a condition of licensure of the facility, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after July 1,



295 2001. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of
296 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more
297 than thirty (30) of the beds in the facility for participation in
298 the Medicaid program. If the facility violates the terms of the
299 written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a
300 regular or continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are
301 participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of
302 Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at the time that
303 the department determines, after a hearing complying with due
304 process, that the facility has violated the written agreement.

305 (l) Provided that funds are specifically appropriated
306 therefor by the Legislature, the department may issue a
307 certificate of need to a rehabilitation hospital in Hinds County
308 for the construction of a sixty-bed long-term care nursing
309 facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with
310 severe disabilities including persons with spinal cord and
311 closed-head injuries and ventilator dependent patients. The
312 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance
313 with projection of need as reported in the current State Health
314 Plan are waived for the purpose of this paragraph.

315 (m) The State Department of Health may issue a
316 certificate of need to a county-owned hospital in the Second
317 Judicial District of Panola County for the conversion of not more
318 than seventy-two (72) hospital beds to nursing facility beds,
319 provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in



320 writing that none of the beds at the nursing facility will be
321 certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section
322 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for
323 Medicaid reimbursement in the nursing facility in any day or for
324 any patient in the nursing facility. This written agreement by
325 the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of
326 the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and
327 the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of
328 the nursing facility if the ownership of the nursing facility is
329 transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of
330 need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of
331 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify any
332 of the beds in the nursing facility for participation in the
333 Medicaid program. If the nursing facility violates the terms of
334 the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the nursing
335 facility on a regular or continuing basis any patients who are
336 participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of
337 Health shall revoke the license of the nursing facility, at the
338 time that the department determines, after a hearing complying
339 with due process, that the nursing facility has violated the
340 condition upon which the certificate of need was issued, as
341 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement. If the
342 certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued
343 within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the department shall
344 deny the application for the certificate of need and shall not



345 issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month
346 period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of
347 need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing
348 facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after
349 July 1, 2001, the State Department of Health, after a hearing
350 complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need
351 if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a
352 license for the nursing facility at any time after the
353 eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the
354 certificate of need is contested, the department shall require
355 substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six
356 (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the
357 certificate of need.

358 (n) The department may issue a certificate of need for
359 the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing
360 facility beds in Madison County, provided that the recipient of
361 the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing
362 facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program
363 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the
364 skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid
365 program. This written agreement by the recipient of the
366 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner
367 of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility
368 is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate
369 of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not



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



of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

(o) The department may issue a certificate of need for the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing facility beds in Leake County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (o), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating



420 in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall
421 revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and
422 shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility,
423 at the time that the department determines, after a hearing
424 complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply
425 with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was
426 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement
427 by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of
428 nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of
429 need issued under this paragraph (o) shall not exceed sixty (60)
430 beds. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph
431 is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the
432 department shall deny the application for the certificate of need
433 and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the
434 twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the
435 certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the
436 nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18)
437 months after July 1, 2001, the State Department of Health, after a
438 hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate
439 of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not
440 issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the
441 eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the
442 certificate of need is contested, the department shall require
443 substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six



444 (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the
445 certificate of need.

446 (p) The department may issue a certificate of need for
447 the construction of a municipally owned nursing facility within
448 the Town of Belmont in Tishomingo County, not to exceed sixty (60)
449 beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need
450 agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at
451 any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et
452 seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing
453 facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This
454 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need
455 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled
456 nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred
457 at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need.

458 Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate
459 in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a
460 certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (p), and if
461 such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of
462 the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the
463 facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps
464 any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid
465 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the
466 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or
467 revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time
468 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due



469 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the
470 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as
471 provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the
472 recipient of the certificate of need. The provision of Section
473 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of
474 need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for
475 the purposes of this paragraph. If the certificate of need
476 authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12)
477 months after July 1, 1998, the department shall deny the
478 application for the certificate of need and shall not issue the
479 certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period,
480 unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is
481 issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds
482 has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1998,
483 the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due
484 process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still
485 outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the
486 nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period.
487 However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested,
488 the department shall require substantial construction of the
489 nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final
490 adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

491 (q) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State
492 Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each
493 of the next four (4) fiscal years for the construction or



expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility beds in each county in the state having a need for fifty (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, in the manner provided in this paragraph (q). The total number of nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need authorized under this paragraph (q) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v), during each of the next four (4) fiscal years, the department shall issue six (6) certificates of need for new nursing facility beds, as follows: During fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002, one (1) certificate of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in the county in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care Planning Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan that has the highest need in the district for those beds; and two (2) certificates of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties from the state at large that have the highest need in the state for those beds, when considering the need on a statewide basis and without regard to the Long-Term Care Planning Districts in which the counties are located. During fiscal year 2003, one (1) certificate of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in any county having a need for fifty (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, that has not received a certificate of need under this paragraph (q) during the three (3)



519 previous fiscal years. During fiscal year 2000, in addition to
520 the six (6) certificates of need authorized in this subparagraph,
521 the department also shall issue a certificate of need for new
522 nursing facility beds in Amite County and a certificate of need
523 for new nursing facility beds in Carroll County.

524 (iii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph
525 (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for
526 nursing facility beds in each Long-Term Care Planning District
527 during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing
528 facility beds in the county in the district having the highest
529 need for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health
530 Plan. If there are no applications for a certificate of need for
531 nursing facility beds in the county having the highest need for
532 those beds by the date specified by the department, then the
533 certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds
534 in other counties in the district in descending order of the need
535 for those beds, from the county with the second highest need to
536 the county with the lowest need, until an application is received
537 for nursing facility beds in an eligible county in the district.

538 (iv) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph
539 (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for
540 nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties from the state at
541 large during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing
542 facility beds in the two (2) counties that have the highest need
543 in the state for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999



544 State Health Plan, when considering the need on a statewide basis
545 and without regard to the Long-Term Care Planning Districts in
546 which the counties are located. If there are no applications for
547 a certificate of need for nursing facility beds in either of the
548 two (2) counties having the highest need for those beds on a
549 statewide basis by the date specified by the department, then the
550 certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds
551 in other counties from the state at large in descending order of
552 the need for those beds on a statewide basis, from the county with
553 the second highest need to the county with the lowest need, until
554 an application is received for nursing facility beds in an
555 eligible county from the state at large.

556 (v) If a certificate of need is authorized to be
557 issued under this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a
558 county on the basis of the need in the Long-Term Care Planning
559 District during any fiscal year of the four-year period, a
560 certificate of need shall not also be available under this
561 paragraph (q) for additional nursing facility beds in that county
562 on the basis of the need in the state at large, and that county
563 shall be excluded in determining which counties have the highest
564 need for nursing facility beds in the state at large for that
565 fiscal year. After a certificate of need has been issued under
566 this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a county during
567 any fiscal year of the four-year period, a certificate of need
568 shall not be available again under this paragraph (q) for



569 additional nursing facility beds in that county during the
570 four-year period, and that county shall be excluded in determining
571 which counties have the highest need for nursing facility beds in
572 succeeding fiscal years.

573 (vi) If more than one (1) application is made for
574 a certificate of need for nursing home facility beds available
575 under this paragraph (q), in Yalobusha, Newton or Tallahatchie
576 County, and one (1) of the applicants is a county-owned hospital
577 located in the county where the nursing facility beds are
578 available, the department shall give priority to the county-owned
579 hospital in granting the certificate of need if the following
580 conditions are met:

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

584 2. The county-owned hospital's qualifications
585 for the certificate of need, as shown in its application and as
586 determined by the department, are at least equal to the
587 qualifications of the other applicants for the certificate of
588 need.

589 (r) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State
590 Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each
591 of the next two (2) fiscal years for the construction or expansion
592 of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to
593 nursing facility beds in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care



594 Planning Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health
595 Plan, to provide care exclusively to patients with Alzheimer's
596 disease.

597 (ii) Not more than twenty (20) beds may be
598 authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph
599 (r), and not more than a total of sixty (60) beds may be
600 authorized in any Long-Term Care Planning District by all
601 certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r). However,
602 the total number of beds that may be authorized by all
603 certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r) during any
604 fiscal year shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) beds, and
605 the total number of beds that may be authorized in any Long-Term
606 Care Planning District during any fiscal year shall not exceed
607 forty (40) beds. Of the certificates of need that are issued for
608 each Long-Term Care Planning District during the next two (2)
609 fiscal years, at least one (1) shall be issued for beds in the
610 northern part of the district, at least one (1) shall be issued
611 for beds in the central part of the district, and at least one (1)
612 shall be issued for beds in the southern part of the district.

613 (iii) The State Department of Health, in
614 consultation with the Department of Mental Health and the Division
615 of Medicaid, shall develop and prescribe the staffing levels,
616 space requirements and other standards and requirements that must
617 be met with regard to the nursing facility beds authorized under



618 this paragraph (r) to provide care exclusively to patients with
619 Alzheimer's disease.

620 (s) The State Department of Health may issue a
621 certificate of need to a nonprofit skilled nursing facility using
622 the Green House model of skilled nursing care and located in Yazoo
623 City, Yazoo County, Mississippi, for the construction, expansion
624 or conversion of not more than nineteen (19) nursing facility
625 beds. For purposes of this paragraph (s), the provisions of
626 Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the
627 projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan
628 and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal
629 certificate of need hearing process are waived. There shall be no
630 prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid
631 program for the person receiving the certificate of need
632 authorized under this paragraph (s).

633 (t) The State Department of Health shall issue
634 certificates of need to the owner of a nursing facility in
635 operation at the time of Hurricane Katrina in Hancock County that
636 was not operational on December 31, 2005, because of damage
637 sustained from Hurricane Katrina to authorize the following: (i)
638 the construction of a new nursing facility in Harrison County;
639 (ii) the relocation of forty-nine (49) nursing facility beds from
640 the Hancock County facility to the new Harrison County facility;
641 (iii) the establishment of not more than twenty (20) non-Medicaid
642 nursing facility beds at the Hancock County facility; and (iv) the



643 establishment of not more than twenty (20) non-Medicaid beds at
644 the new Harrison County facility. The certificates of need that
645 authorize the non-Medicaid nursing facility beds under
646 subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph (t) shall be
647 subject to the following conditions: The owner of the Hancock
648 County facility and the new Harrison County facility must agree in
649 writing that no more than fifty (50) of the beds at the Hancock
650 County facility and no more than forty-nine (49) of the beds at
651 the Harrison County facility will be certified for participation
652 in the Medicaid program, and that no claim will be submitted for
653 Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifty (50) patients in the
654 Hancock County facility in any month, or for more than forty-nine
655 (49) patients in the Harrison County facility in any month, or for
656 any patient in either facility who is in a bed that is not
657 Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the owner of the
658 nursing facilities shall be a condition of the issuance of the
659 certificates of need under this paragraph (t), and the agreement
660 shall be fully binding on any later owner or owners of either
661 facility if the ownership of either facility is transferred at any
662 time after the certificates of need are issued. After this
663 written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the
664 State Department of Health shall not certify more than fifty (50)
665 of the beds at the Hancock County facility or more than forty-nine
666 (49) of the beds at the Harrison County facility for participation
667 in the Medicaid program. If the Hancock County facility violates



668 the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the
669 facility on a regular or continuing basis more than fifty (50)
670 patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, or if the
671 Harrison County facility violates the terms of the written
672 agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or
673 continuing basis more than forty-nine (49) patients who are
674 participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of
675 Health shall revoke the license of the facility that is in
676 violation of the agreement, at the time that the department
677 determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the
678 facility has violated the agreement.

679 (u) The State Department of Health shall issue a
680 certificate of need to a nonprofit venture for the establishment,
681 construction and operation of a skilled nursing facility of not
682 more than sixty (60) beds to provide skilled nursing care for
683 ventilator dependent or otherwise medically dependent pediatric
684 patients who require medical and nursing care or rehabilitation
685 services to be located in a county in which an academic medical
686 center and a children's hospital are located, and for any
687 construction and for the acquisition of equipment related to those
688 beds. The facility shall be authorized to keep such ventilator
689 dependent or otherwise medically dependent pediatric patients
690 beyond age twenty-one (21) in accordance with regulations of the
691 State Board of Health. For purposes of this paragraph (u), the
692 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance



with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived, and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. The beds authorized by this paragraph shall be counted as pediatric skilled nursing facility beds for health planning purposes under Section 41-7-171 et seq. There shall be no prohibition of or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized by this paragraph.

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

(a) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a privately owned psychiatric residential treatment facility in Simpson County for the conversion of sixteen (16) intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID) beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, provided that facility agrees in writing that the facility shall give priority for the use of those sixteen (16) beds to



Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities.

(b) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility beds in Warren County, not to exceed sixty (60) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, provided that the facility agrees in writing that no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the use of any patients other than those who are participating only in the Medicaid program of another state, and that no claim will be submitted to the Division of Medicaid for Medicaid reimbursement for more than thirty (30) patients in the psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of



743 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more
744 than thirty (30) of the beds in the psychiatric residential
745 treatment facility for participation in the Medicaid program for
746 the use of any patients other than those who are participating
747 only in the Medicaid program of another state. If the psychiatric
748 residential treatment facility violates the terms of the written
749 agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or
750 continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are
751 participating in the Mississippi Medicaid program, the State
752 Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at
753 the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying
754 with due process, that the facility has violated the condition
755 upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this
756 paragraph and in the written agreement.

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

761 (c) Of the total number of beds authorized under this
762 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a
763 hospital currently operating Medicaid-certified acute psychiatric
764 beds for adolescents in DeSoto County, for the establishment of a
765 forty-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto
766 County, provided that the hospital agrees in writing (i) that the
767 hospital shall give priority for the use of those forty (40) beds



768 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in
769 out-of-state facilities, and (ii) that no more than fifteen (15)
770 of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will
771 be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section
772 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for
773 Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifteen (15) patients in the
774 psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any
775 patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is
776 in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement
777 by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition
778 of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph,
779 and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner
780 of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership
781 of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of
782 the certificate of need. After this written agreement is
783 executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of
784 Health shall not certify more than fifteen (15) of the beds in the
785 psychiatric residential treatment facility for participation in
786 the Medicaid program. If the psychiatric residential treatment
787 facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting
788 or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more
789 than fifteen (15) patients who are participating in the Medicaid
790 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license
791 of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after
792 a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has



793 violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was
794 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written
795 agreement.

796 (d) Of the total number of beds authorized under this
797 subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates
798 of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric
799 residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other
800 beds to psychiatric treatment facility beds, not to exceed thirty
801 (30) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, in either
802 Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, Chickasaw,
803 Pontotoc, Calhoun, Lafayette, Union, Benton or Tippah County.

804 (e) Of the total number of beds authorized under this
805 subsection (3) the department shall issue a certificate of need to
806 a privately owned, nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment
807 facility in Hinds County for an eight-bed expansion of the
808 facility, provided that the facility agrees in writing that the
809 facility shall give priority for the use of those eight (8) beds
810 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in
811 out-of-state facilities.

812 (f) The department shall issue a certificate of need to
813 a one-hundred-thirty-four-bed specialty hospital located on
814 twenty-nine and forty-four one-hundredths (29.44) commercial acres
815 at 5900 Highway 39 North in Meridian (Lauderdale County),
816 Mississippi, for the addition, construction or expansion of
817 child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds



in Lauderdale County. As a condition of issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, the facility shall give priority in admissions to the child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds authorized under this paragraph to patients who otherwise would require out-of-state placement. The Division of Medicaid, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, shall furnish the facility a list of all out-of-state patients on a quarterly basis. Furthermore, notice shall also be provided to the parent, custodial parent or guardian of each out-of-state patient notifying them of the priority status granted by this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph shall be sixty (60) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(4) (a) From and after March 25, 2021, the department may issue a certificate of need to any person for the new construction of any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will contain any child/adolescent psychiatric or



843 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, or for the conversion
844 of any other health care facility to a hospital, psychiatric
845 hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will contain any
846 child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical
847 dependency beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on
848 participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.)
849 for the person(s) receiving the certificate(s) of need authorized
850 under this paragraph (a) or for the beds converted pursuant to the
851 authority of that certificate of need. In issuing any new
852 certificate of need for any child/adolescent psychiatric or
853 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, either by new
854 construction or conversion of beds of another category, the
855 department shall give preference to beds which will be located in
856 an area of the state which does not have such beds located in it,
857 and to a location more than sixty-five (65) miles from existing
858 beds. Upon receiving 2020 census data, the department may amend
859 the State Health Plan regarding child/adolescent psychiatric and
860 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds to reflect the need
861 based on new census data.

862 (i) [Deleted]

863 (ii) The department may issue a certificate of
864 need for the conversion of existing beds in a county hospital in
865 Choctaw County from acute care beds to child/adolescent chemical
866 dependency beds. For purposes of this subparagraph (ii), the
867 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance



with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

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

If by January 1, 2002, there has been no significant commencement of construction of the beds authorized under this subparagraph (iii), or no significant action taken to convert



existing beds to the beds authorized under this subparagraph, then the certificate of need that was previously issued under this subparagraph shall expire. If the previously issued certificate of need expires, the department may accept applications for issuance of another certificate of need for the beds authorized under this subparagraph, and may issue a certificate of need to authorize the construction, expansion or conversion of the beds authorized under this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall issue a certificate of need to the Region 7 Mental Health/Retardation Commission for the construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds to child/adolescent psychiatric beds in any of the counties served by the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(v) The department may issue a certificate of need to any county hospital located in Leflore County for the



918 construction or expansion of adult psychiatric beds or the
919 conversion of other beds to adult psychiatric beds, not to exceed
920 twenty (20) beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate
921 of need agrees in writing that the adult psychiatric beds will not
922 at any time be certified for participation in the Medicaid program
923 and that the hospital will not admit or keep any patients who are
924 participating in the Medicaid program in any of such adult
925 psychiatric beds. This written agreement by the recipient of the
926 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner
927 of the hospital if the ownership of the hospital is transferred at
928 any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement
929 that the adult psychiatric beds will not be certified for
930 participation in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the
931 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this
932 subparagraph (v), and if such hospital at any time after the
933 issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership
934 of the hospital, has any of such adult psychiatric beds certified
935 for participation in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any
936 Medicaid patients in such adult psychiatric beds, the State
937 Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it
938 is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the
939 hospital at the time that the department determines, after a
940 hearing complying with due process, that the hospital has failed
941 to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of



942 need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph and in the
943 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need.

944 (vi) The department may issue a certificate or
945 certificates of need for the expansion of child psychiatric beds
946 or the conversion of other beds to child psychiatric beds at the
947 University of Mississippi Medical Center. For purposes of this
948 subparagraph (vi), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring
949 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in
950 the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of
951 beds that may be authorized under the authority of this
952 subparagraph shall not exceed fifteen (15) beds. There shall be
953 no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid
954 program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital receiving the
955 certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the
956 beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of
957 need.

958 (b) From and after July 1, 1990, no hospital,
959 psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital shall be
960 authorized to add any child/adolescent psychiatric or
961 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds or convert any beds of
962 another category to child/adolescent psychiatric or
963 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds without a certificate of
964 need under the authority of subsection (1)(c) and subsection
965 (4)(a) of this section.



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

(6) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate of need to a Mississippi corporation qualified to manage a long-term care hospital as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(xii) in Harrison County, not to exceed eighty (80) beds, including any necessary renovation or construction required for licensure and certification, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the long-term care hospital will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the long-term care hospital who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the long-term care hospital, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the long-term care hospital will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this subsection (6), and if such long-term care hospital at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the



991 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or
992 revoke the license of the long-term care hospital, at the time
993 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due
994 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the
995 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as
996 provided in this subsection and in the written agreement by the
997 recipient of the certificate of need. For purposes of this
998 subsection, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring
999 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in
1000 the current State Health Plan are waived.

1001 (7) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate
1002 of need to any hospital in the state to utilize a portion of its
1003 beds for the "swing-bed" concept. Any such hospital must be in
1004 conformance with the federal regulations regarding such swing-bed
1005 concept at the time it submits its application for a certificate
1006 of need to the State Department of Health, except that such
1007 hospital may have more licensed beds or a higher average daily
1008 census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in federal
1009 regulations for participation in the swing-bed program. Any
1010 hospital meeting all federal requirements for participation in the
1011 swing-bed program which receives such certificate of need shall
1012 render services provided under the swing-bed concept to any
1013 patient eligible for Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security
1014 Act) who is certified by a physician to be in need of such
1015 services, and no such hospital shall permit any patient who is



1016 eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare or eligible only for
1017 Medicaid to stay in the swing beds of the hospital for more than
1018 thirty (30) days per admission unless the hospital receives prior
1019 approval for such patient from the Division of Medicaid, Office of
1020 the Governor. Any hospital having more licensed beds or a higher
1021 average daily census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in
1022 federal regulations for participation in the swing-bed program
1023 which receives such certificate of need shall develop a procedure
1024 to ensure that before a patient is allowed to stay in the swing
1025 beds of the hospital, there are no vacant nursing home beds
1026 available for that patient located within a fifty-mile radius of
1027 the hospital. When any such hospital has a patient staying in the
1028 swing beds of the hospital and the hospital receives notice from a
1029 nursing home located within such radius that there is a vacant bed
1030 available for that patient, the hospital shall transfer the
1031 patient to the nursing home within a reasonable time after receipt
1032 of the notice. Any hospital which is subject to the requirements
1033 of the two (2) preceding sentences of this subsection may be
1034 suspended from participation in the swing-bed program for a
1035 reasonable period of time by the State Department of Health if the
1036 department, after a hearing complying with due process, determines
1037 that the hospital has failed to comply with any of those
1038 requirements.

1039 (8) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or
1040 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new



1041 construction of, addition to or expansion of a health care
1042 facility as defined in subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h),
1043 except as hereinafter provided: The department may issue a
1044 certificate of need to a nonprofit corporation located in Madison
1045 County, Mississippi, for the construction, expansion or conversion
1046 of not more than twenty (20) beds in a community living program
1047 for developmentally disabled adults in a facility as defined in
1048 subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h). For purposes of this
1049 subsection (8), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring
1050 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in
1051 the current State Health Plan and the provisions of Section
1052 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process
1053 are waived. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on
1054 participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the
1055 certificate of need authorized under this subsection (8).

1056 (9) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or
1057 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the
1058 establishment of, or expansion of the currently approved territory
1059 of, or the contracting to establish a home office, subunit or
1060 branch office within the space operated as a health care facility
1061 as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(i) through (viii) by a health
1062 care facility as defined in subparagraph (ix) of Section
1063 41-7-173(h).

1064 (10) Health care facilities owned and/or operated by the
1065 state or its agencies are exempt from the restraints in this



1066 section against issuance of a certificate of need if such addition
1067 or expansion consists of repairing or renovation necessary to
1068 comply with the state licensure law. This exception shall not
1069 apply to the new construction of any building by such state
1070 facility. This exception shall not apply to any health care
1071 facilities owned and/or operated by counties, municipalities,
1072 districts, unincorporated areas, other defined persons, or any
1073 combination thereof.

1074 (11) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or
1075 addition to any health care facility defined in subparagraph (ii)
1076 (psychiatric hospital), subparagraph (iv) (skilled nursing
1077 facility), subparagraph (vi) (intermediate care facility),
1078 subparagraph (viii) (intermediate care facility for individuals
1079 with intellectual disabilities) and subparagraph (x) (psychiatric
1080 residential treatment facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) which is
1081 owned by the State of Mississippi and under the direction and
1082 control of the State Department of Mental Health, and the addition
1083 of new beds or the conversion of beds from one category to another
1084 in any such defined health care facility which is owned by the
1085 State of Mississippi and under the direction and control of the
1086 State Department of Mental Health, shall not require the issuance
1087 of a certificate of need under Section 41-7-171 et seq.,
1088 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the
1089 contrary.



1090 (12) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or
1091 addition to any veterans homes or domiciliaries for eligible
1092 veterans of the State of Mississippi as authorized under Section
1093 35-1-19 shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need,
1094 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the
1095 contrary.

1096 (13) The repair or the rebuilding of an existing, operating
1097 health care facility that sustained significant damage from a
1098 natural disaster that occurred after April 15, 2014, in an area
1099 that is proclaimed a disaster area or subject to a state of
1100 emergency by the Governor or by the President of the United States
1101 shall be exempt from all of the requirements of the Mississippi
1102 Certificate of Need Law (Section 41-7-171 et seq.) and any and all
1103 rules and regulations promulgated under that law, subject to the
1104 following conditions:

1105 (a) The repair or the rebuilding of any such damaged
1106 health care facility must be within one (1) mile of the
1107 pre-disaster location of the campus of the damaged health care
1108 facility, except that any temporary post-disaster health care
1109 facility operating location may be within five (5) miles of the
1110 pre-disaster location of the damaged health care facility;

1111 (b) The repair or the rebuilding of the damaged health
1112 care facility (i) does not increase or change the complement of
1113 its bed capacity that it had before the Governor's or the
1114 President's proclamation, (ii) does not increase or change its



1115 levels and types of health care services that it provided before
1116 the Governor's or the President's proclamation, and (iii) does not
1117 rebuild in a different county; however, this paragraph does not
1118 restrict or prevent a health care facility from decreasing its bed
1119 capacity that it had before the Governor's or the President's
1120 proclamation, or from decreasing the levels of or decreasing or
1121 eliminating the types of health care services that it provided
1122 before the Governor's or the President's proclamation, when the
1123 damaged health care facility is repaired or rebuilt;

1124 (c) The exemption from Certificate of Need Law provided
1125 under this subsection (13) is valid for only five (5) years from
1126 the date of the Governor's or the President's proclamation. If
1127 actual construction has not begun within that five-year period,
1128 the exemption provided under this subsection is inapplicable; and

1129 (d) The Division of Health Facilities Licensure and
1130 Certification of the State Department of Health shall provide the
1131 same oversight for the repair or the rebuilding of the damaged
1132 health care facility that it provides to all health care facility
1133 construction projects in the state.

1134 For the purposes of this subsection (13), "significant
1135 damage" to a health care facility means damage to the health care
1136 facility requiring an expenditure of at least One Million Dollars
1137 (\$1,000,000.00).

1138 (14) The State Department of Health shall issue a
1139 certificate of need to any hospital which is currently licensed



1140 for two hundred fifty (250) or more acute care beds and is located
1141 in any general hospital service area not having a comprehensive
1142 cancer center, for the establishment and equipping of such a
1143 center which provides facilities and services for outpatient
1144 radiation oncology therapy, outpatient medical oncology therapy,
1145 and appropriate support services including the provision of
1146 radiation therapy services. The provisions of Section 41-7-193(1)
1147 regarding substantial compliance with the projection of need as
1148 reported in the current State Health Plan are waived for the
1149 purpose of this subsection.

1150 (15) The State Department of Health may authorize the
1151 transfer of hospital beds, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, from the
1152 North Panola Community Hospital to the South Panola Community
1153 Hospital. The authorization for the transfer of those beds shall
1154 be exempt from the certificate of need review process.

1155 (16) The State Department of Health shall issue any
1156 certificates of need necessary for Mississippi State University
1157 and a public or private health care provider to jointly acquire
1158 and operate a linear accelerator and a magnetic resonance imaging
1159 unit. Those certificates of need shall cover all capital
1160 expenditures related to the project between Mississippi State
1161 University and the health care provider, including, but not
1162 limited to, the acquisition of the linear accelerator, the
1163 magnetic resonance imaging unit and other radiological modalities;
1164 the offering of linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging



1165 services; and the cost of construction of facilities in which to
1166 locate these services. The linear accelerator and the magnetic
1167 resonance imaging unit shall be (a) located in the City of
1168 Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi; (b) operated jointly by
1169 Mississippi State University and the public or private health care
1170 provider selected by Mississippi State University through a
1171 request for proposals (RFP) process in which Mississippi State
1172 University selects, and the Board of Trustees of State
1173 Institutions of Higher Learning approves, the health care provider
1174 that makes the best overall proposal; (c) available to Mississippi
1175 State University for research purposes two-thirds (2/3) of the
1176 time that the linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging
1177 unit are operational; and (d) available to the public or private
1178 health care provider selected by Mississippi State University and
1179 approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
1180 Learning one-third (1/3) of the time for clinical, diagnostic and
1181 treatment purposes. For purposes of this subsection, the
1182 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance
1183 with the projection of need as reported in the current State
1184 Health Plan are waived.

1185 (17) The State Department of Health shall issue a
1186 certificate of need for the construction of an acute care hospital
1187 in Kemper County, not to exceed twenty-five (25) beds, which shall
1188 be named the "John C. Stennis Memorial Hospital." In issuing the
1189 certificate of need under this subsection, the department shall



1190 give priority to a hospital located in Lauderdale County that has
1191 two hundred fifteen (215) beds. For purposes of this subsection,
1192 the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial
1193 compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current
1194 State Health Plan and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring
1195 a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. There
1196 shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the
1197 Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person or
1198 entity receiving the certificate of need authorized under this
1199 subsection or for the beds constructed under the authority of that
1200 certificate of need.

1201 (18) The planning, design, construction, renovation,
1202 addition, furnishing and equipping of a clinical research unit at
1203 any health care facility defined in Section 41-7-173(h) that is
1204 under the direction and control of the University of Mississippi
1205 Medical Center and located in Jackson, Mississippi, and the
1206 addition of new beds or the conversion of beds from one (1)
1207 category to another in any such clinical research unit, shall not
1208 require the issuance of a certificate of need under Section
1209 41-7-171 et seq., notwithstanding any provision in Section
1210 41-7-171 et seq. to the contrary.

1211 (19) [Repealed]

1212 (20) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of
1213 Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any nursing facility from
1214 designating an appropriate number of existing beds in the facility



1215 as beds for providing care exclusively to patients with
1216 Alzheimer's disease.

1217 (21) Nothing in this section or any other provision of
1218 Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any health care facility
1219 from the new construction, renovation, conversion or expansion of
1220 new beds in the facility designated as intensive care units,
1221 negative pressure rooms, or isolation rooms pursuant to the
1222 provisions of Sections 41-14-1 through 41-14-11, or Section
1223 41-14-31. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of
1224 Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the
1225 projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan
1226 and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal
1227 certificate of need hearing process are waived.

1228 (22) The Tunica County Health Care Authority, Tunica County
1229 Board of Supervisors, or other authorized managing entity may
1230 apply for, and the State Department of Health shall issue, a
1231 certificate of need for the construction of an acute care hospital
1232 in Tunica County upon demonstration of the feasible viability of
1233 such.

1234 For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Section
1235 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection
1236 of need as reported in the current State Health Plan and the
1237 provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of
1238 need hearing process are waived.



1239 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1240 and after July 1, 2026.

