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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2507

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FROM ISSUING A HEALTH  
3 CARE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, CONVERSION OR  
4 EXPANSION OF SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS OFFERED BY A HOSPITAL OR  
5 COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL REHABILITATION FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

225 Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate  
226 in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a  
227 certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (i), and if

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

253 (j) The department may issue certificates of need to  
254 allow any existing freestanding long-term care facility in  
255 Tishomingo County and Hancock County that on July 1, 1995, is  
256 licensed with fewer than sixty (60) beds. For the purposes of  
257 this paragraph (j), the provision of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
258 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
259 the current State Health Plan is waived. From and after July 1,  
260 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

610 (3) The State Department of Health may grant approval for  
611 and issue certificates of need to any person proposing the new  
612 construction of, addition to, conversion of beds of or expansion  
613 of any health care facility defined in subparagraph (x)  
614 (psychiatric residential treatment facility) of Section  
615 41-7-173(h). The total number of beds which may be authorized by  
616 such certificates of need shall not exceed three hundred  
617 thirty-four (334) beds for the entire state.

618 (a) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
619 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a  
620 privately-owned psychiatric residential treatment facility in  
621 Simpson County for the conversion of sixteen (16) intermediate  
622 care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR) beds to

623 psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, provided that  
624 facility agrees in writing that the facility shall give priority  
625 for the use of those sixteen (16) beds to Mississippi residents  
626 who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities.

627           (b) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
628 subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates  
629 of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric  
630 residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other  
631 beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility beds in Warren  
632 County, not to exceed sixty (60) psychiatric residential treatment  
633 facility beds, provided that the facility agrees in writing that  
634 no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the psychiatric  
635 residential treatment facility will be certified for participation  
636 in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the use of  
637 any patients other than those who are participating only in the  
638 Medicaid program of another state, and that no claim will be  
639 submitted to the Division of Medicaid for Medicaid reimbursement  
640 for more than thirty (30) patients in the psychiatric residential  
641 treatment facility in any day or for any patient in the  
642 psychiatric residential treatment facility who is in a bed that is  
643 not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the recipient  
644 of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of  
645 the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement  
646 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the psychiatric  
647 residential treatment facility if the ownership of the facility is  
648 transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of  
649 need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of  
650 Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more  
651 than thirty (30) of the beds in the psychiatric residential  
652 treatment facility for participation in the Medicaid program for  
653 the use of any patients other than those who are participating  
654 only in the Medicaid program of another state. If the psychiatric  
655 residential treatment facility violates the terms of the written

656 agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or  
657 continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are  
658 participating in the Mississippi Medicaid program, the State  
659 Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at  
660 the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying  
661 with due process, that the facility has violated the condition  
662 upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this  
663 paragraph and in the written agreement.

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

668         (c) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
669 subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a  
670 hospital currently operating Medicaid-certified acute psychiatric  
671 beds for adolescents in DeSoto County, for the establishment of a  
672 forty-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto  
673 County, provided that the hospital agrees in writing (i) that the  
674 hospital shall give priority for the use of those forty (40) beds  
675 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in  
676 out-of-state facilities, and (ii) that no more than fifteen (15)  
677 of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will  
678 be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
679 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for  
680 Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifteen (15) patients in the  
681 psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any  
682 patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is  
683 in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement  
684 by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition  
685 of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph,  
686 and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
687 of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership  
688 of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of

689 the certificate of need. After this written agreement is  
690 executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of  
691 Health shall not certify more than fifteen (15) of the beds in the  
692 psychiatric residential treatment facility for participation in  
693 the Medicaid program. If the psychiatric residential treatment  
694 facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting  
695 or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more  
696 than fifteen (15) patients who are participating in the Medicaid  
697 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license  
698 of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after  
699 a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has  
700 violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was  
701 issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written  
702 agreement.

703 (d) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
704 subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates  
705 of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric  
706 residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other  
707 beds to psychiatric treatment facility beds, not to exceed thirty  
708 (30) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, in either  
709 Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, Chickasaw,  
710 Pontotoc, Calhoun, Lafayette, Union, Benton or Tippah County.

711 (e) Of the total number of beds authorized under this  
712 subsection (3) the department shall issue a certificate of need to  
713 a privately-owned, nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment  
714 facility in Hinds County for an eight-bed expansion of the  
715 facility, provided that the facility agrees in writing that the  
716 facility shall give priority for the use of those eight (8) beds  
717 to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in  
718 out-of-state facilities.

719 (f) The department shall issue a certificate of need to  
720 a one-hundred-thirty-four-bed specialty hospital located on  
721 twenty-nine and forty-four one-hundredths (29.44) commercial acres

722 at 5900 Highway 39 North in Meridian (Lauderdale County),  
723 Mississippi, for the addition, construction or expansion of  
724 child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds  
725 in Lauderdale County. As a condition of issuance of the  
726 certificate of need under this paragraph, the facility shall give  
727 priority in admissions to the child/adolescent psychiatric  
728 residential treatment facility beds authorized under this  
729 paragraph to patients who otherwise would require out-of-state  
730 placement. The Division of Medicaid, in conjunction with the  
731 Department of Human Services, shall furnish the facility a list of  
732 all out-of-state patients on a quarterly basis. Furthermore,  
733 notice shall also be provided to the parent, custodial parent or  
734 guardian of each out-of-state patient notifying them of the  
735 priority status granted by this paragraph. For purposes of this  
736 paragraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
737 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
738 the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of  
739 child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds  
740 that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph shall  
741 be sixty (60) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions  
742 on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
743 seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized  
744 under this paragraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
745 authority of that certificate of need.

746 (4) (a) From and after July 1, 1993, the department shall  
747 not issue a certificate of need to any person for the new  
748 construction of any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
749 dependency hospital that will contain any child/adolescent  
750 psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, or for  
751 the conversion of any other health care facility to a hospital,  
752 psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will  
753 contain any child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent  
754 chemical dependency beds, or for the addition of any

755 child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical  
756 dependency beds in any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
757 dependency hospital, or for the conversion of any beds of another  
758 category in any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
759 dependency hospital to child/adolescent psychiatric or  
760 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, except as hereinafter  
761 authorized:

762                   (i) The department may issue certificates of need  
763 to any person for any purpose described in this subsection,  
764 provided that the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical  
765 dependency hospital does not participate in the Medicaid program  
766 (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) at the time of the application for the  
767 certificate of need and the owner of the hospital, psychiatric  
768 hospital or chemical dependency hospital agrees in writing that  
769 the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital  
770 will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program or admit  
771 or keep any patients who are participating in the Medicaid program  
772 in the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
773 hospital. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
774 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
775 of the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
776 hospital, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any  
777 time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement  
778 that the hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency  
779 hospital will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a  
780 condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person  
781 under this subparagraph (a)(i), and if such hospital, psychiatric  
782 hospital or chemical dependency hospital at any time after the  
783 issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership  
784 of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or  
785 keeps any patients in the hospital, psychiatric hospital or  
786 chemical dependency hospital who are participating in the Medicaid  
787 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the



788 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
789 revoke the license of the hospital, psychiatric hospital or  
790 chemical dependency hospital, at the time that the department  
791 determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the  
792 hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital has  
793 failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the  
794 certificate of need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph  
795 and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate  
796 of need.

797           (ii) The department may issue a certificate of  
798 need for the conversion of existing beds in a county hospital in  
799 Choctaw County from acute care beds to child/adolescent chemical  
800 dependency beds. For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
801 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance  
802 with the projection of need as reported in the current State  
803 Health Plan is waived. The total number of beds that may be  
804 authorized under authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed  
805 twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions  
806 on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et  
807 seq.) for the hospital receiving the certificate of need  
808 authorized under this subparagraph (a)(ii) or for the beds  
809 converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

810           (iii) The department may issue a certificate or  
811 certificates of need for the construction or expansion of  
812 child/adolescent psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds  
813 to child/adolescent psychiatric beds in Warren County. For  
814 purposes of this subparagraph, the provisions of Section  
815 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection  
816 of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived.  
817 The total number of beds that may be authorized under the  
818 authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds.  
819 There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in  
820 the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person

821 receiving the certificate of need authorized under this  
822 subparagraph (a)(iii) or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
823 authority of that certificate of need.

824         If by January 1, 2002, there has been no significant  
825 commencement of construction of the beds authorized under this  
826 subparagraph (a)(iii), or no significant action taken to convert  
827 existing beds to the beds authorized under this subparagraph, then  
828 the certificate of need that was previously issued under this  
829 subparagraph shall expire. If the previously issued certificate  
830 of need expires, the department may accept applications for  
831 issuance of another certificate of need for the beds authorized  
832 under this subparagraph, and may issue a certificate of need to  
833 authorize the construction, expansion or conversion of the beds  
834 authorized under this subparagraph.

835                 (iv) The department shall issue a certificate of  
836 need to the Region 7 Mental Health/Retardation Commission for the  
837 construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric beds or  
838 the conversion of other beds to child/adolescent psychiatric beds  
839 in any of the counties served by the commission. For purposes of  
840 this subparagraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
841 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
842 the current State Health Plan is waived. The total number of beds  
843 that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph  
844 shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition  
845 or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
846 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of  
847 need authorized under this subparagraph (a)(iv) or for the beds  
848 converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

849                 (v) The department may issue a certificate of need  
850 to any county hospital located in Leflore County for the  
851 construction or expansion of adult psychiatric beds or the  
852 conversion of other beds to adult psychiatric beds, not to exceed  
853 twenty (20) beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate

854 of need agrees in writing that the adult psychiatric beds will not  
855 at any time be certified for participation in the Medicaid program  
856 and that the hospital will not admit or keep any patients who are  
857 participating in the Medicaid program in any of such adult  
858 psychiatric beds. This written agreement by the recipient of the  
859 certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner  
860 of the hospital if the ownership of the hospital is transferred at  
861 any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement  
862 that the adult psychiatric beds will not be certified for  
863 participation in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the  
864 issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this  
865 subparagraph (a)(v), and if such hospital at any time after the  
866 issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership  
867 of the hospital, has any of such adult psychiatric beds certified  
868 for participation in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any  
869 Medicaid patients in such adult psychiatric beds, the State  
870 Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it  
871 is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the  
872 hospital at the time that the department determines, after a  
873 hearing complying with due process, that the hospital has failed  
874 to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of  
875 need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph and in the  
876 written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need.

877           (vi) The department may issue a certificate or  
878 certificates of need for the expansion of child psychiatric beds  
879 or the conversion of other beds to child psychiatric beds at the  
880 University of Mississippi Medical Center. For purposes of this  
881 subparagraph (a)(vi), the provision of Section 41-7-193(1)  
882 requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as  
883 reported in the current State Health Plan is waived. The total  
884 number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this  
885 subparagraph (a)(vi) shall not exceed fifteen (15) beds. There  
886 shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the

887 Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital  
888 receiving the certificate of need authorized under this  
889 subparagraph (a)(vi) or for the beds converted pursuant to the  
890 authority of that certificate of need.

891 (b) From and after July 1, 1990, no hospital,  
892 psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital shall be  
893 authorized to add any child/adolescent psychiatric or  
894 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds or convert any beds of  
895 another category to child/adolescent psychiatric or  
896 child/adolescent chemical dependency beds without a certificate of  
897 need under the authority of subsection (1)(c) of this section.

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

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

920 facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps  
921 any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid  
922 program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
923 certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or  
924 revoke the license of the long-term care hospital, at the time  
925 that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due  
926 process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the  
927 conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as  
928 provided in this subsection and in the written agreement by the  
929 recipient of the certificate of need. For purposes of this  
930 subsection, the provision of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring  
931 substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in  
932 the current State Health Plan is hereby waived.

933 (7) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate  
934 of need to any hospital in the state to utilize a portion of its  
935 beds for the "swing-bed" concept. Any such hospital must be in  
936 conformance with the federal regulations regarding such swing-bed  
937 concept at the time it submits its application for a certificate  
938 of need to the State Department of Health, except that such  
939 hospital may have more licensed beds or a higher average daily  
940 census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in federal  
941 regulations for participation in the swing-bed program. Any  
942 hospital meeting all federal requirements for participation in the  
943 swing-bed program which receives such certificate of need shall  
944 render services provided under the swing-bed concept to any  
945 patient eligible for Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security  
946 Act) who is certified by a physician to be in need of such  
947 services, and no such hospital shall permit any patient who is  
948 eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare or eligible only for  
949 Medicaid to stay in the swing beds of the hospital for more than  
950 thirty (30) days per admission unless the hospital receives prior  
951 approval for such patient from the Division of Medicaid, Office of  
952 the Governor. Any hospital having more licensed beds or a higher

953 average daily census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in  
954 federal regulations for participation in the swing-bed program  
955 which receives such certificate of need shall develop a procedure  
956 to insure that before a patient is allowed to stay in the swing  
957 beds of the hospital, there are no vacant nursing home beds  
958 available for that patient located within a fifty-mile radius of  
959 the hospital. When any such hospital has a patient staying in the  
960 swing beds of the hospital and the hospital receives notice from a  
961 nursing home located within such radius that there is a vacant bed  
962 available for that patient, the hospital shall transfer the  
963 patient to the nursing home within a reasonable time after receipt  
964 of the notice. Any hospital which is subject to the requirements  
965 of the two (2) preceding sentences of this subsection may be  
966 suspended from participation in the swing-bed program for a  
967 reasonable period of time by the State Department of Health if the  
968 department, after a hearing complying with due process, determines  
969 that the hospital has failed to comply with any of those  
970 requirements.

971 (8) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or  
972 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new  
973 construction of, addition to or expansion of a health care  
974 facility as defined in subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h).

975 (9) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or  
976 issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the  
977 establishment of, or expansion of the currently approved territory  
978 of, or the contracting to establish a home office, subunit or  
979 branch office within the space operated as a health care facility  
980 as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(i) through (viii) by a health  
981 care facility as defined in subparagraph (ix) of Section  
982 41-7-173(h).

983 (10) Health care facilities owned and/or operated by the  
984 state or its agencies are exempt from the restraints in this  
985 section against issuance of a certificate of need if such addition

986 or expansion consists of repairing or renovation necessary to  
987 comply with the state licensure law. This exception shall not  
988 apply to the new construction of any building by such state  
989 facility. This exception shall not apply to any health care  
990 facilities owned and/or operated by counties, municipalities,  
991 districts, unincorporated areas, other defined persons, or any  
992 combination thereof.

993 (11) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or  
994 addition to any health care facility defined in subparagraph (ii)  
995 (psychiatric hospital), subparagraph (iv) (skilled nursing  
996 facility), subparagraph (vi) (intermediate care facility),  
997 subparagraph (viii) (intermediate care facility for the mentally  
998 retarded) and subparagraph (x) (psychiatric residential treatment  
999 facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) which is owned by the State of  
1000 Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State  
1001 Department of Mental Health, and the addition of new beds or the  
1002 conversion of beds from one category to another in any such  
1003 defined health care facility which is owned by the State of  
1004 Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State  
1005 Department of Mental Health, shall not require the issuance of a  
1006 certificate of need under Section 41-7-171 et seq.,  
1007 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1008 contrary.

1009 (12) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or  
1010 addition to any veterans homes or domiciliaries for eligible  
1011 veterans of the State of Mississippi as authorized under Section  
1012 35-1-19 shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need,  
1013 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1014 contrary.

1015 (13) The new construction of a nursing facility or nursing  
1016 facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility  
1017 beds shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need,

1018 notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the  
1019 contrary, if the conditions of this subsection are met.

1020           (a) Before any construction or conversion may be  
1021 undertaken without a certificate of need, the owner of the nursing  
1022 facility, in the case of an existing facility, or the applicant to  
1023 construct a nursing facility, in the case of new construction,  
1024 first must file a written notice of intent and sign a written  
1025 agreement with the State Department of Health that the entire  
1026 nursing facility will not at any time participate in or have any  
1027 beds certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section  
1028 43-13-101 et seq.), will not admit or keep any patients in the  
1029 nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program,  
1030 and will not submit any claim for Medicaid reimbursement for any  
1031 patient in the facility. This written agreement by the owner or  
1032 applicant shall be a condition of exercising the authority under  
1033 this subsection without a certificate of need, and the agreement  
1034 shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the nursing  
1035 facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any  
1036 time after the agreement is signed. After the written agreement  
1037 is signed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of  
1038 Health shall not certify any beds in the nursing facility for  
1039 participation in the Medicaid program. If the nursing facility  
1040 violates the terms of the written agreement by participating in  
1041 the Medicaid program, having any beds certified for participation  
1042 in the Medicaid program, admitting or keeping any patient in the  
1043 facility who is participating in the Medicaid program, or  
1044 submitting any claim for Medicaid reimbursement for any patient in  
1045 the facility, the State Department of Health shall revoke the  
1046 license of the nursing facility at the time that the department  
1047 determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the  
1048 facility has violated the terms of the written agreement.

1049           (b) For the purposes of this subsection, participation  
1050 in the Medicaid program by a nursing facility includes Medicaid



1051 reimbursement of coinsurance and deductibles for recipients who  
1052 are qualified Medicare beneficiaries and/or those who are dually  
1053 eligible. Any nursing facility exercising the authority under  
1054 this subsection may not bill or submit a claim to the Division of  
1055 Medicaid for services to qualified Medicare beneficiaries and/or  
1056 those who are dually eligible.

1057 (c) The new construction of a nursing facility or  
1058 nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing  
1059 facility beds described in this section must be either a part of a  
1060 completely new continuing care retirement community, as described  
1061 in the latest edition of the Mississippi State Health Plan, or an  
1062 addition to existing personal care and independent living  
1063 components, and so that the completed project will be a continuing  
1064 care retirement community, containing (i) independent living  
1065 accommodations, (ii) personal care beds, and (iii) the nursing  
1066 home facility beds. The three (3) components must be located on a  
1067 single site and be operated as one (1) inseparable facility. The  
1068 nursing facility component must contain a minimum of thirty (30)  
1069 beds. Any nursing facility beds authorized by this section will  
1070 not be counted against the bed need set forth in the State Health  
1071 Plan, as identified in Section 41-7-171 et seq.

1072 This subsection (13) shall stand repealed from and after July  
1073 1, 2005.

1074 (14) The State Department of Health shall issue a  
1075 certificate of need to any hospital which is currently licensed  
1076 for two hundred fifty (250) or more acute care beds and is located  
1077 in any general hospital service area not having a comprehensive  
1078 cancer center, for the establishment and equipping of such a  
1079 center which provides facilities and services for outpatient  
1080 radiation oncology therapy, outpatient medical oncology therapy,  
1081 and appropriate support services including the provision of  
1082 radiation therapy services. The provision of Section 41-7-193(1)  
1083 regarding substantial compliance with the projection of need as

1084 reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for the  
1085 purpose of this subsection.

1086 (15) The State Department of Health may authorize the  
1087 transfer of hospital beds, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, from the  
1088 North Panola Community Hospital to the South Panola Community  
1089 Hospital. The authorization for the transfer of those beds shall  
1090 be exempt from the certificate of need review process.

1091 (16) The State Department of Health shall issue any  
1092 certificates of need necessary for Mississippi State University  
1093 and a public or private health care provider to jointly acquire  
1094 and operate a linear accelerator and a magnetic resonance imaging  
1095 unit. Those certificates of need shall cover all capital  
1096 expenditures related to the project between Mississippi State  
1097 University and the health care provider, including, but not  
1098 limited to, the acquisition of the linear accelerator, the  
1099 magnetic resonance imaging unit and other radiological modalities;  
1100 the offering of linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging  
1101 services; and the cost of construction of facilities in which to  
1102 locate these services. The linear accelerator and the magnetic  
1103 resonance imaging unit shall be (a) located in the City of  
1104 Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi; (b) operated jointly by  
1105 Mississippi State University and the public or private health care  
1106 provider selected by Mississippi State University through a  
1107 request for proposals (RFP) process in which Mississippi State  
1108 University selects, and the Board of Trustees of State  
1109 Institutions of Higher Learning approves, the health care provider  
1110 that makes the best overall proposal; (c) available to Mississippi  
1111 State University for research purposes two-thirds (2/3) of the  
1112 time that the linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging  
1113 unit are operational; and (d) available to the public or private  
1114 health care provider selected by Mississippi State University and  
1115 approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
1116 Learning one-third (1/3) of the time for clinical, diagnostic and

1117 treatment purposes. For purposes of this subsection, the  
1118 provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance  
1119 with the projection of need as reported in the current State  
1120 Health Plan are waived.

1121 (17) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of  
1122 Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any nursing facility from  
1123 designating an appropriate number of existing beds in the facility  
1124 as beds for providing care exclusively to patients with  
1125 Alzheimer's disease.

1126 (18) The State Department of Health shall not grant approval  
1127 for or issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new  
1128 construction, expansion or conversion of specialized programs  
1129 offered by a hospital or comprehensive medical rehabilitation  
1130 facility as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(xii) and (xiii). These  
1131 specialized programs include, but are not limited to: spine  
1132 institutes, spinal cord injury programs, infant and early  
1133 childhood development programs, and any other specialty hospital  
1134 programs defined by the State Board of Health.

1135 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1136 and after its passage.