

REGULATORY UPDATE

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The Georgia Department of Community Health (öThe Departmentö) released its Batching Review Cycle Notifications on December 23, 2014. The batching notifications can be found at <http://dch.georgia.gov/public-notices>.

Non-Special MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy Services/Units: The Department did not find need for and **WILL NOT** accept and review applications filed pursuant to the **NEED** referenced in Rule 111-2-2.42(3)(a) for new or expanded Non-Special MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy Services/Units. However, the Department **WILL** accept and review applications for this line of service submitted in accordance with the **EXCEPTIONS TO NEED** criteria of Rule 111-2-2.42(3)(a).

Special Purpose MegaVoltage Therapy Services/Units: The Department **WILL** accept and review applications for new or expanded Special Purpose MegaVoltage Therapy Services/Units pursuant to the **NEED** and the **EXCEPTIONS TO NEED** referenced in Rule 111-2-2.42(4)(a) and (b).

Positron Emission Tomography Units: The Department did not find need and **WILL NOT** accept and review applications for Positron Emission Tomography Units filed pursuant to the **NEED** referenced in Rule 111-2-2-.41 (3)(a). However, the Department **WILL** accept and review applications for this service line filed pursuant to the **EXCEPTIONS TO NEED** methodology of Rule 111-2-2-.41 (3)(b).

Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Inpatient Programs: The Department **WILL** accept and review applications for new or expanded Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Inpatient Programs filed in accordance with the standards of Rule 111-2-2-.26 (3)(a). The Department did not state that it would accept applications filed pursuant to the requisite exceptions to need criteria.

Adult Open Heart Surgery Services: The Department **WILL** accept and review applications for new or expanded Adult Open Heart Surgery services filed in accordance with Rule 111-2-2-.22(3).

Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization and Open Heart Surgery Services: The Department **WILL NOT** accept or review applications for new or expanded Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization and Open Heart Surgery Services.

Freestanding Birthing Centers: The Department **WILL NOT** accept and review applications for new or expanded Freestanding Birthing Centers.

The following dates apply to this batching cycle.

- ***Letter of Intent Deadline:*** 5 pm, Thursday, January 22, 2015
- ***Application Deadline:*** 12 pm, Monday, February 23, 2015 (rollover date)
- ***Next Assessment of Need:*** On or around June 23, 2015

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