

19-123.

(1) A certificate of need is not required to close any hospital or part of a hospital as defined in § 19-301 of this title if:

(2) (i) For a hospital located in a county with fewer than three hospitals, at least 45 days before the closing or partial closing of the hospital, a person proposing to close all or part of the hospital files notice of the proposed closing or partial closing with the Commission; and

(ii) The Commission finds that the closing:

1. Is in the public interest; and

2. Is not inconsistent with:

A. The State health plan; or

B. An institution-specific plan developed by the Commission under [§ 19-122] § 19-119 of this subtitle.

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(b) (1) A health maintenance organization or a health care facility that either controls, directly or indirectly, or is controlled by a health maintenance organization shall have a certificate of need before the health maintenance organization or health care facility builds, develops, operates, purchases, or participates in building, developing, operating, or establishing:

(ii) Any other health care project for which a certificate of need is required under [§ 19-123] § 19-120 of this subtitle if that health care project is planned for or used by any nonsubscribers of that health maintenance organization.

19-126.

A certificate of need is required before an ambulatory care facility:

(2) To provide those services, makes an expenditure, if a certificate of need would be required under [§ 19-123(k)] § 19-120(K) of this subtitle for the expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility; or

19-127.

(a) If the Commission receives an application for a certificate of need for a change in the bed capacity of a health care facility, as required under [§ 19-123] § 19-120 of this subtitle, or for a health care project that would create a new health care service or abolish an existing health care service, the Commission shall give notice of the filing by publication in the Maryland Register and give the following notice to:

(1) Each member of the General Assembly in whose district the action is planned;

(2) Each member of the governing body for the county where the action is planned;