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Guidance Regarding the Temporary Waiver of CON Requirements for Approval of Increased Licensed Bed Capacity and the Temporary Suspension of Services at Connecticut Hospitals during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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Pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B, the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) may waive **Certificate of Need** (CON) statutory and regulatory requirements for certain transactions, covered under Chapter 368z of the Connecticut General Statutes, intended to increase access to critical healthcare services for the management of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Effective March 25, 2020, Connecticut hospitals, licensed by the Department of Public Health under chapter 368v, are no longer required to submit a COVID-19 Waiver Form to request a temporary increase in licensed bed capacity or to temporarily suspend (as opposed to terminate) inpatient or outpatient services in order to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients. Any hospital seeking a temporary waiver of the CON requirements shall:

1. Complete a COVID-19 Notification for a Temporary Increase in Licensed Bed Capacity or Temporary Suspension of Services by a Hospital form.
2. Electronically mail the completed form to the following email addresses: Micheala.Mitchell@ct.gov and Brian.Carney@ct.gov

Waivers granted pursuant to this Guidance, as authorized by Executive Order 7B, shall only be effective during the pendency of the public health emergency. Thereafter, any hospital wishing to retain the additional beds approved during the emergency or to terminate a suspended inpatient or outpatient service, must file a CON application, consistent with the established statutory and regulatory CON requirements.

For any questions regarding this Guidance, please email Micheala.Mitchell@ct.gov