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Revised Guidance Regarding the Temporary Waiver of CON Requirements for Approval of Increased Licensed Bed Capacity and the Temporary Suspension of Services at Connecticut Hospitals and Outpatient Surgical Facilities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency[1]

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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.

Connecticut hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities 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) services in order to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients. Any hospital or outpatient surgical facility 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 or Outpatient Surgical Facility 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 or outpatient surgical facility wishing to retain the additional beds approved during the emergency or to terminate a suspended service, must file a CON application, consistent with the established statutory and regulatory CON requirements.

[1] Revised to include outpatient surgical facilities on March 31, 2020.