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Statement from Secretary Dudek on Certificate of Need Decisions

On Friday, February 20, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announced decisions related to the October 2014 batch of Certificate of Need (CON) applications for nursing home beds. From 2001 until 2014, the Florida Legislature had placed a moratorium on the creation of new nursing home beds.

“This expansion of Florida’s long-term care infrastructure will not only provide more access to care, but will also bolster Florida’s economy for the next few years,” said Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek. “In addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars that will be spent on construction projects, these beds will result in hundreds of new jobs for administrative staff and caregivers.”

The decisions published on Friday approved certificate of need applications for over 2,600 nursing home beds in 25 counties around the state. The full report of decisions for the October 2014 batch can be found at <http://ahca.media/1AoaZGB>. The next opportunity for providers to submit applications will be in April 2015.

For more information on the Certificate of Need program, please visit:
http://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/CON_FA/.

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