



Florida Announces Need for 1,310 More Nursing Home Beds

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On October 4, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration announced a need for 1,310 additional nursing home beds throughout the state. The announcement represents the largest prediction of bed need since the state lifted a 14-year moratorium on the development of additional nursing home beds in 2014. The spike in need is due to high utilization of existing beds and expected growth in elderly residents in pockets of the state.

The announcement invites interested skilled nursing facility developers to seek a certificate of need to meet the predicted need. Interested parties may submit letters announcing their intent to file CON applications if they submit them to the Agency by October 21. Applications would have to be completed by December 26, 2019 with a decision expected from the Agency on February 21, 2020.

The opportunity comes at an interesting time for the skilled nursing community as they transition to a new Patient Driven Patient Model (PDPM) payment methodology. It will be interesting to see what models of care will be proposed by applicants, and which models will be preferred by state regulators.

Florida has announced need for the following skilled nursing home beds, by county:

Community Nursing Home Bed Need		
	Bed Need	Counties
District 1		
Subdistrict 1	62	Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
Subdistrict 2	0	
Subdistrict 3	0	

	Bed Need	Counties
District 2		
Subdistrict 1	100	Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties
Subdistrict 2	0	
Subdistrict 3	0	
Subdistrict 4	0	
Subdistrict 5	40	Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties
District 3		
Subdistrict 1	8	Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties
Subdistrict 2	0	
Subdistrict 3	22	Putnam County
Subdistrict 4	0	
Subdistrict 5	93	Citrus County
Subdistrict 6	0	
Subdistrict 7	0	
District 4		
Subdistrict 1	45	Nassau County, and the northern portion of Duval County lying within ZIP codes 32202, 32206, 32208, 32209, 32218, 32219, 32220, 32226 and 32254
Subdistrict 2	0	
Subdistrict 3	66	St. John's County, and the southeastern portion of Duval County lying within ZIP Codes 32207, 32211, 32216, 32217, 32223, 32224, 32225, 32228, 32233, 32246, 32250, 32256, 32257, 32258, 32266 and 32277
Subdistrict 4	0	
District 5		
Subdistrict 1	35	Pasco County
Subdistrict 2	266	Pinellas County
District 6		
Subdistrict 1	0	
Subdistrict 2	37	Manatee County
Subdistrict 3	0	
Subdistrict 4	0	
Subdistrict 5	0	

	Bed Need	Counties
District 7		
Subdistrict 1	98	Brevard County
Subdistrict 2	151	Orange County
Subdistrict 3	34	Osceola County
Subdistrict 4	54	Seminole County
District 8		
Subdistrict 1	6	Charlotte County
Subdistrict 2	16	Collier County
Subdistrict 3	0	
Subdistrict 4	5	Glades and Hendry Counties
Subdistrict 5	0	
Subdistrict 6	0	
District 9		
Subdistrict 1	21	Indian River County
Subdistrict 2	44	Martin County
Subdistrict 3	1	Okeechobee County
Subdistrict 4	0	
Subdistrict 5	6	St. Lucie County
District 10	0	
District 11		
Subdistrict 1	0	
Subdistrict 2	0	
Total Statewide	1,310	

If you need any assistance navigating Florida’s certificate of need process, please feel free to contact Seann Frazier or Jon Rue.



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