

IMPROVING CONNECTICUT'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS

Together, We Can Remove Barriers to Healthcare Access and Support the State's Economy

- Certificate of Need (CON) should be a tool to support world-class healthcare and economic competitiveness in Connecticut
- Delays and excessive administrative burden and bureaucracy in the current CON process create barriers to healthcare access and affordability and hamper jobs development and economic growth
- By working in partnership with state officials and policymakers, we can improve the system, adopt best practices, put patients first, and achieve our shared goal to improve access to high-quality healthcare and grow the state's economy

How to Make the CON Process Work Better for Patients and Communities

- Improve Access to Care for Patients:
 - **Streamline the process, adopt efficient timelines** applicable to Office of Health Strategy (OHS) processes, and put reasonable limits on timeline extensions
 - Add a provision **automatically approving a CON** if deadlines are not met
 - Create an **expedited review** for certain categories and services and reduce redundant information requests to **avoid delays** that make it more challenging to deliver care to patients
- Protect Patients and Communities:
 - Ensure all entities providing services or conducting activities governed by the CON process are held to the **same standards**
 - Ensure **consistent application** of the official statutory principles for CON review and eliminate the use of non-germane provisions of approvals and settlement agreements that exceed statutory framework
 - Consider **financial impact and financial feasibility** as key principles to every review to ensure the CON process enhances, and does not diminish, healthcare affordability and the economic vitality of the healthcare sector