



STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2026

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Emily T. Marsal 
Executive Director

SUBJECT: New Certificate of Need Application Fee and
Monetary Threshold for Review
Effective October 1, 2026

Section 22-21-271, Code of Alabama, 1975 and Rule 410-1-7-.06 of the *Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations* require that the maximum application fee be indexed for inflation along with the threshold for new institutional health services listed in §22-21-263, Code of Alabama, 1975. The United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI) – All Urban Consumers, Professional Medical Services, averaged an increase of 3.4% for the months of September 2025 through August 2026 (series id CUUR0000SEMC, CUUS0000SEMC). Please note that this increase was calculated with an 11-month average due to the unavailability of data in October 2025 due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations as noted on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' website.

The expenditure threshold for major medical equipment will be increased from \$3,436,510.00 to \$3,553,351.00; the new annual operating cost will be increased from \$1,373,260.00 to \$1,419,951.00; and any other capital expenditure by or on behalf of a healthcare facility or health maintenance organization will be increased from \$6,866,313.00 to \$7,099,768.00.

Based on a 3.4% increase in the CPI, the maximum Certificate of Need filing fee will be increased from \$26,143.00 to \$27,032.00.

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