

## Public Outreach Strategy to Gather Comments on Certificate of Need Recommendations

**Deadline to Post for Comment: December 1, 2016**

### Tasks Prior to Release

- Post draft recommendations prominently on the Certificate of Need Task Force [home page](#)
- Develop a notice of solicitation for public comment to accompany recommendations:

DRAFT Announcement soliciting public comment:

#### ***Request for Public Comment – Recommendations Developed by Governor Malloy’s Certificate of Need Task Force***

***Comment Period Opens: December 1, 2016 Comment Period Closes: December 15, 2016***

*The Governor's Certificate of Need Taskforce (CON) is responsible for comprehensively reviewing Connecticut’s laws regulating the ability of hospitals, nursing homes, residential care homes, certain physician groups, and other health care entities to establish new facilities or provide new services, change ownership, purchase or acquire equipment, make capital improvements, and terminate services. The review is intended to ensure that consumers in Connecticut continue to receive equitable and affordable access to high quality health care that encourages transparency and competition, contributes to economic development, and promotes community benefits.*

***Call to Action:*** *A final report containing recommendations for improving the Certificate of Need process must be submitted by the Task Force to Governor Malloy by no later than January 15, 2017. At this time, the CON Task Force is gathering public input on the draft recommendations. To review the recommendations please follow this link \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Members of the public are welcome to submit written comments to Melissa Morton at [Melissa.Morton@ct.gov](mailto:Melissa.Morton@ct.gov). **All comments must be submitted by no later than close of business on December 15, 2016. There are no exceptions to the deadline. There is no guarantee that all public comment will be adopted into the final recommendations, however, all public comments submitted before the deadline will be included in the appendix of the final report.***

### Methods of Informing the Public of Opportunity to Comment:

- E-mail solicitation notice and link to recommendations to Task Force Members and Interested Party List Serve and ask that they share the link and request for public comment with their professional networks and consumers that they serve or represent.
- Request that DPH, DSS, State LTC Ombudsman and OPM post the announcement including link to the recommendations on their web sites.
- E-mail the notice to the Health Care Cabinet and ask that members review and also request Cabinet members circulate to their networks.

- Ask DPH to share the opportunity for public comment utilizing the outreach mechanisms employed to inform the community of a public hearing (excluding notices in newspapers and postings in hospitals)
- A hard copy of the recommendations can be requested by calling Melissa Morton

#### Comment Deadline and Submission Methods

**Deadline to Submit Public Comment: December 15, 2016**

Comments may be submitted in writing via e-mail to Melissa Morton [Melissa.morton@ct.gov](mailto:Melissa.morton@ct.gov)