

3701-12-01 **Definitions.**

As used in Chapter 3701-12 of the Administrative Code:

(A) Except as otherwise provided in sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code, "affected person" means:

- (1) An applicant for a certificate of need, including an applicant whose application was reviewed comparatively with the application in question;
- (2) Any person that resides or regularly uses health care facilities within the geographic area served or to be served by the health care services that would be provided under the certificate of need or reviewability ruling in question;
- (3) Any health care facility that is located in the health service area where the health care services would be provided under the certificate of need or reviewability ruling in question;
- (4) The person that requested the reviewability ruling in question;
- (5) Third-party payers that reimburse health care facilities for services in the health service area where the health care services would be provided under the certificate of need or reviewability ruling in question;
- (6) Any other person who testified at a public hearing held under division (B) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code and rule 3701-12-11 of the Administrative Code in the course of review of the application in question or who submitted written comments on the application in question.

(B) "Affiliated person" means a corporation, business trust, estate, firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, insurance company, government unit, or other entity that:

- (1) Has an ownership or beneficial ownership interest, either direct or indirect, of five per cent or more of the voting stock of the person transferring a certificate of need (PTCN);
- (2) Participates as a general, junior, or limited partner in a partnership with the PTCN;
- (3) Shares a common officer, director, member, trustee, or partner with the PTCN;

- (4) Shares twenty-five per cent or more of its employees with the PTCN;
 - (5) Loans twenty-five per cent or more of the total capital needed to implement the activity, either directly or through a loan guarantee or similar arrangement, to the PTCN;
 - (6) Locates the site or allows the location of the site of the activity on its campus or on its property; or
 - (7) Enters an agreement with the PTCN to use its name as part of the name of the health care facility or service:
 - (a) As part of the implementation of the activity; or
 - (b) In advertising or promotional material that holds the facility or service out as being operated or offered by it or on behalf of it.
- (C) "Ambulatory surgical facility" or "ASF" has the same meaning as in paragraph (A) of rule 3701-83-15 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) "Applicant" means any person that submits an application for a certificate of need and who is designated in the application as the applicant.
- (E) "Bed capacity" means:
- (1) The number of hospital beds registered by service under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) The number of nursing home beds licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;
 - (3) The number of beds in county homes or county nursing homes, as defined in section 5155.31 of the Revised Code, which are certified as skilled nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities under Title XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act, 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended (1981);
 - (4) The number of perinatal beds or pediatric intensive care unit beds; or
 - (5) The number of renal dialysis stations used for chronic maintenance dialysis located in a health care facility. For the purposes of this definition:

- (a) "Chronic maintenance dialysis" means regular provision of hemodialysis on an outpatient basis for an end-stage renal disease patient with any level of patient involvement.
 - (b) "End-stage renal disease patient" or "patient" means an individual who is at a stage of renal impairment that appears irreversible and permanent and who requires a regular course of dialysis or renal transplantation to ameliorate uremic symptoms and maintain life.
 - (c) "Renal dialysis station" means the equipment used to provide chronic maintenance dialysis for a single patient at a given time, including equipment used for self-dialysis and isolation stations but not including equipment used exclusively to train patients in self-dialysis.
- (F) "Cardiac catheterization" has the same meaning as in paragraph ~~(DDD)~~ (CCC) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) "Certificate of need" means a written approval granted by the director to an applicant to authorize conducting a reviewable activity.
- (H) "Children's hospital" means any of the following:
- (1) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides general pediatric medical and surgical care and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were individuals less than eighteen years of age;
 - (2) A distinct portion of a hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that provides general pediatric medical and surgical care, has a total of at least one hundred fifty registered pediatric special care and pediatric acute care beds, and in which at least seventy-five per cent of annual inpatient discharges for the preceding two calendar years were individuals less than eighteen years of age; or
 - (3) A distinct portion of a hospital, if the hospital is registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as a children's hospital and the children's hospital meets all the requirements of paragraph (H)(1) of this rule.
- (I) "Cobalt radiation therapy unit" or "cobalt radiation therapy service" means the structural unit of a health care facility that provides radiation therapy using a cobalt teletherapy machine.

(J) "Commencement of construction" means the placement of any structural foundation element that becomes an integral part of the structure. A structural foundation element includes, but is not limited to, footings, piers, grade beams, and infrastructure items such as pilings and caissons. The acts of surveying, staking, soil testing, demolition of existing structures, delivery of materials, establishment or connection of utility services, elimination or removal of a safety or sanitary hazard from the site, and site preparation, including site grading, site filling, or clearing, are not considered commencement of construction.

~~(J)~~(K) "Director" means the director of health or an authorized designee of the director.

~~(K)~~(L) "Existing health care facility" means ~~a health care facility that is licensed or otherwise approved to practice in this state, in accordance with applicable law, is staffed and equipped to provide health care services, and actively provides health services or has not been actively providing health services for less than twelve consecutive months.~~either of the following:

- (1) A health care facility that is licensed or otherwise authorized to operate in this state in accordance with applicable law, is staffed and equipped to provide health care services, and is actively providing health care services; or
- (2) A health care facility that is licensed or has beds registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds and has provided services for at least three hundred sixty-five consecutive days within the twenty-four months immediately preceding the date a certificate of need application is filed with the director of health.

~~(L)~~(M) "Freestanding birthing center" has the same meaning as in division (Z) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

~~(M)~~(N) "Freestanding cardiac catheterization facility" is a facility that performs cardiac catheterization and which:

- (1) Is physically separated from a hospital, requiring use of an ambulance or other vehicle for emergency transportation of patients;
- (2) Is organizationally separate from a hospital; or
- (3) Is not subject to the hospital's credentialing procedures.

~~(N)~~(O) "Freestanding diagnostic imaging center" has the same meaning as in paragraph (F) of rule 3701-83-51 of the Administrative Code.

~~(P)~~(P) "Freestanding dialysis center" or "dialysis center" has the same meaning as in paragraph (D) of rule 3701-83-23 of the Administrative Code.

~~(P)~~(Q) "Freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility" or "inpatient rehabilitation facility" has the same meaning as in paragraph (A) of rule 3701-83-25 of the Administrative Code.

~~(Q)~~(R) "Freestanding radiation therapy center" has the same meaning as in paragraph ~~(C)~~(D) of rule 3701-83-43 of the Administrative Code.

~~(R)~~(S) "Gamma knife unit" has the same meaning as the term "gamma knife service" in paragraph ~~(Q)~~(PP) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(S)~~(T) "Government unit" means the state of Ohio and any county, municipal corporation, township, or other political subdivision of the state, or any department, division, board, or other agency of any of the foregoing.

~~(T)~~(U) "Health care facility" or "HCF" means:

- (1) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;
- (2) A nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code, or by a political subdivision certified under section 3721.09 of the Revised Code;
- (3) A county home or a county nursing home as defined in section 5155.31 of the Revised Code that is certified under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended (1981);
- (4) A freestanding dialysis center;
- (5) A freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility;
- (6) An ambulatory surgical facility;
- (7) A freestanding cardiac catheterization facility;
- (8) A freestanding birthing center;
- (9) A freestanding or mobile diagnostic imaging center; or

(10) A freestanding radiation therapy center.

~~(U)~~(V) "Health maintenance organization" or "HMO" means a public or private organization organized under the law of any state that is qualified under section 1310(d) of Title XIII of the "Public Health Service Act," 87 Stat. 931 (1973), 42 U.S.C. section 300e-9.

~~(V)~~(W) "Health service" means a clinically related service, such as a diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitative or preventive service.

~~(W)~~(X) "Health service agency" or "HSA" means an agency that has been designated by the director to serve a health service area in accordance with section 3702.58 of the Revised Code.

~~(X)~~(Y) "Health service area" means a geographic region designated by the director of health under section 3702.58 of the Revised Code.

~~(Y)~~(Z) "Linear accelerator" has the same meaning as in paragraph ~~(SS)~~ (RR) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(Z)~~(AA) "Long-term care bed" means a bed in a long-term care facility.

~~(AA)~~(BB) "Long-term care facility" means any of the following:

- (1) A nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code or by a political subdivision certified under section 3721.09 of the Revised Code;
- (2) The portion of any facility, including a county home or a county nursing home, that is certified as a skilled nursing facility or a nursing facility under Title XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act; or
- (3) The portion of any hospital that contains beds registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds.

~~(BB)~~(CC) "Magnetic resonance imaging unit" or "MRI unit" means an integrated set of machines that use radio frequency and magnetic fields to produce images of organs and tissue or spectroscopic quantitative data.

~~(CC)~~(DD) "Medical equipment" means a single unit of medical equipment or a single system of components with related functions that is used to provide health services.

~~(DD)~~(EE) "Megavoltage radiation therapy service" means a radiation therapy service which uses ionizing radiations with energy over one MeV.

~~(EE)~~(FF) "Mobile diagnostic imaging center" has the same meaning as in paragraph (J) of rule 3701-83-51 of the Administrative Code.

~~(FF)~~(GG) "Newborn care service" or "newborn care unit" has the same meaning as the term "obstetric and newborn care service" in paragraph (III) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(GG)~~(HH) "New health care facility" means any health care facility that is not an existing health care facility as defined in paragraph ~~(K)~~ (L) of this rule.

~~(HH)~~(II) "Obstetric care service" or "obstetric care unit" has the same meaning as the term "obstetric and newborn care service" in paragraph (III) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(II)~~(JJ) "Open-heart surgery service" has the same meaning as in paragraph (GGG) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(JJ)~~(KK) "Pediatric intensive care unit" or "PICU" or "pediatric intensive care service" has the same meaning as in paragraph (BB) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(KK)~~(LL) "Pediatric intensive care unit bed" means a bed located in a pediatric intensive care unit or PICU, or pediatric intensive care service.

~~(LL)~~(MM) "Perinatal bed" means a bed in a hospital that is registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as a newborn care or obstetric bed, or bed in a freestanding birthing center.

~~(MM)~~(NN) "Person" means any individual, corporation, business trust, estate, firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, insurance company, government unit or other entity.

~~(NN)~~(OO) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy legally authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the state of Ohio.

~~(OO)~~(PP) "PTCN" is an acronym for "person transferring a certificate of need" and refers to a person holding a certificate of need issued on or after April 20, 1995, that

transfers the certificate to another person before the reviewable activity is completed, or that enters into an agreement that contemplates the transfer of the certificate of need on the completion of the reviewable activity.

~~(PP)~~(QQ) "Radiation therapy" has the same meaning as in paragraph ~~(BBB)~~ (AAA) of rule 3701-84-01 of the Administrative Code.

~~(QQ)~~(RR) "Related person" means an affiliated person or an individual who, by virtue of blood or adoption, is the spouse, father, mother, sister, brother, half-sister, half-brother, grandmother, grandfather, or first cousin of a PTCN.

~~(RR)~~(SS) "Rural area" means any area of the state not located within a metropolitan statistical area.

~~(SS)~~(TT) "Small rural hospital" means a hospital located in a rural area that has fewer than one hundred beds and to which fewer than four thousand persons were admitted during the most recent calendar year.

~~(TT)~~(UU) "State agency" means the director.

~~(UU)~~(VV) "Third-party payer" means a health insuring corporation licensed under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, a health maintenance organization as defined in division (K) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, an insurance company that issues sickness and accident insurance in conformity with Chapter 3923. of the Revised Code, a state-financed health insurance program under Chapter 3701., 4123., or 5101. of the Revised Code, or any self-insurance plan.

~~(VV)~~(WW) "To offer" means, with respect to a health service, that a health care facility holds itself out as capable of providing, or as having the means for the provision of, a specified health service. Referral to another provider of health services does not constitute offering of the health service.

~~(WW)~~(XX) "Ultimate controlling interest" means a person who holds a majority of the voting power within a corporation, business trust, firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, or insurance company and is:

- (1) The applicant for a certificate of need; or
- (2) Represented by the applicant for a certificate of need.

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