

## NCMS CERTIFICATE OF NEED POLICY

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Medical Society supports a fair and transparent CON process that includes the thorough evaluation and consideration of the following factors in any application for a CON to provide regulated health care services:

1. the availability of health care services to all patients;
2. timely access to needed health care services and treatments;
3. the harm caused to patients when health care treatments are unduly delayed;
4. the additional expense incurred by patients and society when access to services is restricted;
5. the accountability of the applicant for the delivery of quality care and continuous performance improvement; and
6. the clinical appropriateness of the setting for the proposed services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Medical Society supports operational, administrative, and legislative changes to assure that all applicants for certificates of need are treated equitably; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Medical Society supports measures that ensure physician interests are appropriately represented before the Department of Health and Human Services, including the development of the State Medical Facilities Plan and the administration of the Certificate of Need program.

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