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State approves relocation of nursing facility beds in Madras

A proposed order was issued today to East Cascade Retirement LLC ("East Cascade") granting a certificate of need for the relocation of 47 licensed nursing facility beds from Mountain View Hospital Living Center to the campus of East Cascade.

Building E on the campus will be remodeled to accommodate 20 of the beds with the balance of the beds to be licensed as inactive. Mountain View Hospital Living Center will no longer operate its nursing facility. Both facilities are located within the City of Madras.

The order issued today is a proposed order. Any affected party who takes exception to the proposed order may request the Department of Human Services Public Health Division to hold an informal hearing. If no request for a hearing is received by September 7, 2009, the proposed order will automatically become final. For further information about this project, please contact Jana Fussell, Certificate of Need Coordinator at the Public Health Division, 971-673-1108.

Under state certificate of need law, East Cascade was required to seek state approval of this project because it involves the relocation of existing nursing facility beds. The purpose of the law is to see that health services are adequately distributed in the state without unnecessary duplication of services or excessive cost to patients. This proposed order grants the provider permission to proceed with the project as submitted. This project will be subject to further review for any changes to the physical plant, for state licensure, and for federal certification for Medicare and Medicaid if requested.