

# Statewide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan

## At a glance

The Statewide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan, along with the biennial inventory of all Connecticut health care facilities and services, serves as an advisory document and a blueprint for health care delivery in Connecticut. The plan provides a resource for policymakers to understand Connecticut's health care landscape and informs OHS's evaluation of Certificate of Need applications.

## Assessing trends

*The plan analyzes changes in key variables impacting healthcare delivery*

### Healthcare Access and Affordability

The plan monitors insurance quality and coverage, Medicaid expansion and changes to Medicaid eligibility, social determinants of health, provider reimbursement based on performance, and incentives to improve quality, access, delivery and outcomes.

### Population and Healthcare Workforce Trends

The plan assesses workforce composition and demands, nursing need and other high-demand health occupations, health professional shortage areas and policy issues

### Innovation and Health Technology

The plan explores the impact of telemedicine, health information exchange and interoperability, Connecticut's Statewide Health Information Exchange (Connie), as well as novel medications and technology including artificial intelligence.

### Oversight, Accountability and Transparency in Healthcare

The plan examines community benefit provided by hospitals and hospital systems, financial assistance policies, changes in care delivery sites and infection control and preventable hospitalizations.

## Areas of focus relevant to Certificate of Need decisions

*Refined through the plan working group process*



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## Key Issues

*Factors influencing the state of community health and healthcare systems*



**Workforce shortages** in the healthcare sector contribute to gaps in services

**Changes in healthcare payment models** can impact what services are delivered, how frequently and in what communities

**Consolidation** of healthcare providers **impacts financial and operational outcomes** across the sector

Healthcare **service line changes can impact access to care** for certain vulnerable patients

Growing **behavioral health needs** across all populations impact care needs and health outcomes

**Disparities in access to health care and health outcomes persist** and impact vulnerable populations

## Next Steps

*Community input and discussion – your voice matters*

OHS invites the public to provide comments on the Statewide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan. Written comments on the plan must be received by the Office of Health Strategy by September 30, 2024, attention: Boyd Jackson, Director, Legislation and Regulations, Office of Health Strategy, PO Box 340308, 450 Capitol Avenue MS#51OHS, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 or by email to [ohs@ct.gov](mailto:ohs@ct.gov) with the subject line *Facilities and Services Plan – Public Comment*.

OHS will also convene advisory work groups on key topics related to the use of the plan in the CON process. Members of the community will be invited to watch work group sessions and voice comments or questions.

