

(iii) Shall be signed by the Secretary and the Secretary of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development or their designees;

(2) The applicant certifies that it is otherwise unable to obtain on reasonable terms sufficient credit to finance the pretreatment project and the Secretary of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development determines that there is a reasonable assurance of repayment of the loan;

(3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene determines that the project meets all applicable technical standards and that all cost estimates are reasonable and represent eligible costs; and

(4) When an applicant leases the property where the pretreatment project will be constructed, that the landowner consents to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

(c) For any loan assistance exceeding \$2,500, the Secretary of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development shall require the granting to the State of an appropriate security interest in any equipment, structures, or similar items purchased with State moneys.

(d) In accordance with § 9-345, the Secretary and the Secretary of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development jointly shall adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.

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19-326.

If a hospital voluntarily closes, merges, or is delicensed under § 19-325 of this subtitle, the Department of Economic and [Community] EMPLOYMENT Development, in cooperation with the Health Resources Planning Commission, shall assist the hospital and local community in identifying alternative uses for the hospital buildings or sites.

19-326.1.

If a hospital voluntarily closes, merges, or is delicensed under § 19-325 of this subtitle and workers are displaced:

(1) Each hospital shall pay a fee directly to the Department of ECONOMIC AND Employment [and Training] DEVELOPMENT. The fee shall not exceed 0.01 percent of the gross operating revenue for the fiscal year immediately preceding the closure or delicensing of the hospital. A fee shall only be assessed once for each voluntary closure, merger, or delicensure.