

(1) AFTER A DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO DELICENSE A HOSPITAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 19-325 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL GIVE THE AUTHORITY AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE DETERMINATION.

(2) FOR A HOSPITAL THAT IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH THREE OR MORE ~~HOSPITALS~~ HOSPITALS, THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION NOTIFICATION THAT THE HOSPITAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION, ~~AND THE HOSPITAL~~ HELD A PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS LOCATED.

(3) FOR A HOSPITAL THAT IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH FEWER THAN THREE HOSPITALS, THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF THE ~~DETERMINATION~~ FINDING BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION ON WHETHER THE PROPOSED CLOSING IS:

(I) IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND

(II) NOT INCONSISTENT WITH:

1. THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; OR

2. AN INSTITUTION-SPECIFIC PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION.

(4) FOR A HOSPITAL THAT ~~CONVERTS TO A CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL UNDER § 19-115(J) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE~~, THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF THE ~~DETERMINATION~~ FINDING BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION ON WHETHER THE CONVERSION IS:

(I) IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;

(II) WILL RESULT IN THE DELIVERY OF MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND

(III) NOT INCONSISTENT WITH:

1. THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; OR

2. AN INSTITUTION-SPECIFIC PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION.

[(2)](5) The Health Resources Planning Commission and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit the written notification required in [paragraph (1)] PARAGRAPHS (1) THROUGH (4) of this subsection no later than 150 days prior to the scheduled date of the hospital [closure or delicensure] CLOSURE,