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PUBLIC NOTICE

Three Applicants Compete for Acute Care Beds in New Hanover County

WILMINGTON, NC — Three applicants have filed certificate of need applications with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to develop acute care beds in response to a need determination in the 2026 State Medical Facilities Plan for 225 acute care beds in New Hanover County.

The applicants propose three projects:

- UNC Health Wilmington Medical Center Inc proposes to develop a new hospital in Wilmington — UNC Health Wilmington Medical Center — with 150 acute care beds. The project is expected to cost \$852.6 million and would be completed in July 2031.
- Atrium Health Coastal Inc and Advocate Health Inc propose to develop a new hospital in Wilmington — Atrium Health Wilmington Medical Center — with 42 acute care beds. The project is expected to cost \$395.7 million and would be completed in January 2032.
- Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center LLC and Novant Health Inc propose to develop 225 additional acute care beds at Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center for a total of 954 acute care beds. The project is expected to cost \$236.7 million and would be completed in January 2030.

A public hearing for this project will be held Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the Arboretum Education Center, 6206 Oleander Drive in Wilmington.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section no later than 5 p.m. on July 31.

Comments may be submitted as an attachment to an email if they are sent to DHSR.CON.Comments@dhhs.nc.gov. Comments may also be mailed to the following address:

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