

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S DECISION
APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF NEED
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In accordance with 7 AAC 07.070, the Commissioner of the Department of Health has issued a decision on the Certificate of Need (CON) described below.

Applicant's Name/Project Name: Foundation Health, LLC dba Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (FMH)/Adult/Adolescent Inpatient Behavioral Health Expansion Project

Decision Summary: In accordance with AS 18.07 and 7 AAC 07, FMH's June 12, 2025 request for a Certificate of Need for its expansion to adult and adolescent behavioral health services has been approved.

Project Description: FMH plans to enhance its inpatient behavioral health services for both adults and adolescents. The proposed project will add a new four-bed inpatient adolescent behavioral health unit to provide acute care for minors, as well as convert two general adult psychiatric beds to two higher-acuity adult psychiatric beds within the existing 20-bed adult inpatient psychiatric unit. Additionally, the adult common space, nursing station, and two rooms will be remodeled.

Project/Activity Service Area: Fairbanks North Star Borough, Denali Borough, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area, and Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$6,200,000

Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

Administrative Hearing Rights and Deadline: Any member of the public who is substantially affected by activities authorized by this Certificate of Need may initiate an administrative hearing under 7 AAC 07.082. The request must be made in accordance with 7 AAC 07.082 and received by the Department no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice and submitted to CON Program via email at doh.orr.con@alaska.gov.

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