

NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has accepted complete certificate of need applications for the health care facility construction projects described below and in accordance with 7 AAC 07.060 will conduct a concurrent review of the applications received.

**Project/Activity: Construction of a Skilled Nursing Facility**

Originating Application: Mat-Su Colony

Mat-Su Colony proposes to construct a new skilled nursing facility in Palmer, Alaska. The proposed project will consist of 104 beds and include post-acute services, transitional care services, and long term care services. The estimated total square footage of the project is 94,890 SF; the estimated cost is \$20,748,517; and the estimated completion date is November 2017.

Concurrent Application: Maple Springs Senior Living

Maple Springs Senior Living is proposing to construct two new continuous care retirement communities in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. One community will be located in Wasilla and the other in Palmer. Each community is proposed to consist of the following mix of units or “pods”. In Wasilla: 50 private skilled nursing units, 10 hospice house skilled nursing units, 50 assisted living units and 15 memory care units. In Palmer: 60 skilled nursing units; 35 assisted living units and 15 memory care units. The estimated square footage of each community is as follows: 123,125 SF for the Wasilla community and 108,350 SF for the Palmer community. The estimated total square footage for the skilled nursing facilities in both Wasilla and Palmer is estimated to be 118,200 SF, or 59,100 SF per community. The estimated cost of the skilled nursing facility portion of the project is \$36,103,705. The estimated completion date for the Wasilla community is September, 2018. The estimated completion date for the Palmer community is December, 2018.

**Project/Activity Service Area: Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Municipality of Anchorage**

Both applications are declared complete in accordance with 7 AAC 07.050. A staff analysis of the applications and recommendation must be submitted to the Commissioner by September 19, 2016, unless additional time, not to exceed 30 days, is granted by the Commissioner. A decision by the Commissioner must be made within 45 days of receipt of the staff recommendation unless additional public notice is given that more time is required for the Commissioner to make a decision.

You may comment on the certificate of need application(s) by submitting written comments by mail, FAX, or email to:

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Comments must be received no later than 4:30PM, August 22, 2016. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

## PUBLIC MEETING

Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Matanuska-Susitna College, located at 8295 College Drive, FSM 204-206, (main college building, second floor) in Palmer, AK 99645. The meeting will be from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this process, please contact Alexandria Hicks at 907-754-3428 or by e-mail at [Alexandria.Hicks@alaska.gov](mailto:Alexandria.Hicks@alaska.gov), no later than seven days before the meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

DATE: July 21, 2016  
Anchorage, Alaska