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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Eric Sheehan, JD  
Interim Director, Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality

**DATE:** April 29, 2016

**RE:** Long-Term Care Beds

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Sheehan".

The purpose of this memorandum is to update interested parties regarding the filing of an application for Determination of Need for new long-term care beds.

Due to the continued surplus of nursing home beds in Massachusetts, the Department will extend the filing date for new nursing home beds. Based on Department licensure data, current utilization and 2020 population projections, the existing number of licensed long-term care beds operating in Massachusetts continues to exceed the 2020 projected need by nearly 7,000 beds. As a result, there is currently no need state-wide for new long-term care beds.

Based on the surplus of beds, the filing day for new long-term care beds, provided in 105 CMR 100.302(D), was extended to the first business day of May, 2016. Since the bed surplus continues, in accordance with 105 CMR 100.301(B), the Department will not accept any applications on that date because there is no need for additional long-term care beds. Additionally, the Department is conducting a comprehensive review of the DoN regulation and anticipates program changes throughout the next 18 months. Therefore, the next filing day for new long-term care beds will be determined through the process of the Department's comprehensive review and implementation of program and regulatory changes. Additional guidance on this matter should be anticipated.

Please direct any questions or comments about this memorandum to the Determination of Need Program at [dph.don@state.ma.us](mailto:dph.don@state.ma.us).