

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta CON Proposal

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Children's Overview

- Children's formed in 1998
- Only freestanding pediatric healthcare system in Georgia
 - 638 licensed beds
 - 3 hospitals
 - 8 Urgent Care Centers
 - 29 neighborhood locations
 - Marcus Autism Center



Children's Overview

- **Patient Population**

- Treat over 390,000 patients from all 159 counties annually
- Over 1 million patient visits annually
- 59% of patients covered by Georgia Medicaid



Proposed CON Legislation

- **Background**

- Approached by multiple adult hospital systems about potential partnerships to offer Children’s pediatric services within these adult hospitals
- Partnership would require a new definition under CON to allow for pediatric co-located beds to be located at adult host hospitals
- DCH opted against making change through administrative rule and instead advised that Children’s pursue legislation
- SB 81 introduced by Representative Sharon Cooper in 2018



Proposed CON Legislation

- **SB 81**
 - Not a CON exemption- full, normal review process remains in place
 - Adds new category under the CON statute for pediatric co-located hospital beds
 - Children’s hospital must be invited by adult hospital in order to form partnership
 - Adult host hospital and children’s hospital will co-apply for additional beds
 - If partnership is ever terminated, beds will revert to the adult hospital
 - Follows standard CON application process and appeals will still apply



Proposed CON Legislation

- **Benefits of co-located pediatric beds**
 - Expands access to specialized pediatric services in underserved and rural areas of the state
 - Providers can offer pediatric services at a low capital cost investment attached to existing facilities



Question and Answer

Questions?

