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?