

# Georgia House of Representatives Rural Development Council

Certificate of Need Presentation

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# Hospital Corporation of America (“HCA”)

- **Nationally**
  - 185 Hospitals\*
  - 120 Ambulatory Surgery Centers
  - 72 Free Standing Emergency Departments
  - 123 Urgent Care Centers
  - 28.2M Patient Encounters
- **Georgia**
  - 10 Hospitals
    - Rural and Urban
    - Level I, II, and III Trauma Centers
    - Adult and Children
    - Teaching Hospital
  - 7 Ambulatory Surgery Centers
  - 1,847 Beds
  - 9,524 Employees
  - \$108,956,093 Total Uncompensated Care
  - \$43,509,551 in State Taxes
  - \$817,631,499 investment in Georgia

## Question:

# HCA's Experience With Patient Access, Outcomes and Affordability With and Without CON

- HCA Operates in 23 States
- 7 Have No CON Regulation
- Several Have Less Stringent CON Regulations

State	CON Regulation	Percentage of Population on Medicaid (2017, 2018)*	Percentage of Population Uninsured (2016)**	Percentage of Population Residing in Rural Areas (2010)***
Georgia	Yes	18%	12%	24.9%
Texas	No	15%	15%	15.3%
Indiana	No	22%	7%	27.6%
Florida	Yes	20%	12%	8.8%
Tennessee	Yes	22%	11%	33.6%
South Carolina	Yes	20%	9%	33.7%

- \*2017 Census Data & Medicaid Enrollment Data (medicaid.gov)
- \*\* The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
- \*\*\* 2010 US Census Data

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State	CON Regulation	Life Expectancy (2009)	Cancer Incident Rate per 100,000 (2014)	Deaths Due to Diseases of the Heart per 100,000 (2016)
Georgia	Yes	77.2 (41 <sup>st</sup> )	453.4 (19 <sup>th</sup> )	179 (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Texas	No	78.5 (30 <sup>th</sup> )	402.2 (43 <sup>rd</sup> )	167.7 (19 <sup>th</sup> )
Indiana	No	77.6 (39 <sup>th</sup> )	435.8 (34 <sup>th</sup> )	180.6 (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Florida	Yes	79.4 (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	410 (40 <sup>th</sup> )	146.2 (39 <sup>th</sup> )
Tennessee	Yes	76.3 (43 <sup>rd</sup> )	445.7 (26 <sup>th</sup> )	198.8 (10 <sup>th</sup> )
South Carolina	Yes	77 (42 <sup>nd</sup> )	433.3 (35 <sup>th</sup> )	167.7 (18 <sup>th</sup> )

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State	CON Regulation	Average Annual Employer-Based Annual Premium (2016)	Hospital Expenses per Inpatient Day (2015)
Georgia	Yes	\$6,055 (28 <sup>th</sup> )	\$1,665 (42 <sup>nd</sup> )
Texas	No	\$5,863 (38 <sup>th</sup> )	\$2,292 (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Indiana	No	\$6,130 (25 <sup>th</sup> )	\$2,280 (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Florida	Yes	\$6,260 (18 <sup>th</sup> )	\$2,087 (31 <sup>st</sup> )
Tennessee	Yes	\$5,543 (47 <sup>th</sup> )	\$1,704 (40 <sup>th</sup> )
South Carolina	Yes	\$5,797 (41 <sup>st</sup> )	\$1,938 (33 <sup>rd</sup> )

## Question:

# Recommended Changes to Certificate of Need

## House Bill 299

- Elimination of capital expenditure and equipment thresholds.
- Deregulation of hospital behavioral health services.
- Allow expansion of beds more easily (reduce threshold from 75% to qualify for 10% expansion without CON to 60% to qualify for 20% expansion).
- Exempt from CON review freestanding emergency departments that are tied to a hospital's license and within 35 miles of the hospital.