

The Failure of Georgia's Certificate-of-Need (CON) Laws

- My opinions are based on my own
 - peer-reviewed academic studies,
 - data-driven analysis, and
 - review of studies assessing the impact of CON laws.

Examples of CON Laws in Georgia

- A hospital needs permission to add a new hospital bed.
- Permission is required for a new provider to open a new hospital.
- Permission is required to purchase an MRI machine, CT scanner, or PET scanner.
- Permission is required to open an ambulatory surgery center.

What is a CON Law?

- A CON law is, essentially, a permission slip to compete.

How does CON affect access to care?

- CON laws reduce access to medical care facilities in Georgia.

How do CON laws impact rural areas?

- CON laws harm the rural population in Georgia.

Do CON laws improve healthcare quality?

- CON laws reduce the quality of medical services.

Do CON laws increase indigent care?

- CON laws do not increase resources devoted to indigent care.

In summary...

- CON laws have no upside. As my research demonstrates, they have failed to achieve their intended goals of
 - ensuring an adequate supply of healthcare resources,
 - protecting access in rural and underserved communities,
 - promoting high-quality care,
 - supporting charity care, and
 - controlling cost.