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**MORATORIUM ON LICENSURE APPLICATIONS OF NEW ADULT
DAY CARE CENTERS TO BE LIFTED BEGINNING OCTOBER 1,
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The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services will begin to lift the moratorium on licensure applications for adult day health care facilities beginning on October 1, 2006.

The moratorium on accepting licensure applications for new adult day health care centers will first be lifted in counties with the fewest adult day slots for every 10,000 individuals aged 65 or older, followed in order by the counties which currently have the greatest number of adult day slots for every 10,000 individuals aged 65 or older. The Commissioner has announced that lifting the moratorium in this manner will ensure that applications for facilities located in the counties with the highest number of residents in need of adult day health services will be considered first for approval by the Department.

As such, the moratorium will be lifted for the following counties in the following order:

October 1, 2006: Cape May, Hunterdon, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Warren.

January 1, 2007: Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Salem.

April 1, 2007: Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hudson, and Union.

June 1, 2007: Essex and Passaic.

The Commissioner has explained that it is necessary to lift the moratorium on a “rolling” county-by-county basis in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the population served by adult day health services facilities. Also, lifting the moratorium on a “rolling” basis will provide the Department with the time necessary to conduct a thorough and efficient review of an adult day health services facility's licensure, as well as the survey activity involved with the initial licensure process. Additional time is also necessary for the Department to add and train staff necessary to perform the prior authorizations necessary for Medicaid-eligible participants.

Please note that the moratorium affecting both applications for new or expanded pediatric day health services facilities put in place November 3, 2003 is still in effect.

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