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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Approval Sought for Cost Overrun and Change of Scope in Johnston County**

**SMITHFIELD, NC** – Johnston Health Services Corporation has filed a certificate of need application with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for a cost overrun and change of scope to develop an additional 28 acute care beds at UNC Health Johnston-Smithfield in response to a need determination in the 2026 State Medical Facilities Plan. The additional acute care beds will be developed in addition to the 12 acute care beds previously approved to be developed.

The project is expected to cost \$7.8 million and would be completed in July 2029.

A public hearing for this project will be held April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield, 305 E. Market St. in Smithfield.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section no later than 5 p.m. on March 31.

Comments may be submitted as an attachment to an email if they are sent to [DHSR.CON.Comments@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DHSR.CON.Comments@dhhs.nc.gov). Comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
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