

## CHAPTER 98

**AN ACT** providing for the designation of a children's hospital for Morris and Union counties, supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes and amending P.L.1993, c.374.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. Morristown Memorial Hospital currently offers the full array of services for, and meets all of the licensure criteria that apply to, a children's hospital, and has met and complied with all of the appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital; and

b. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services designate Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties.

C.26:2H-18f Morristown Memorial Hospital designated specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris, Union counties.

2. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties.

b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of written transfer agreements between Morristown Memorial Hospital and a majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services which are located in Morris and Union counties.

The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties and shall set forth the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to Morristown Memorial Hospital.

3. Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.374 (C.26:2H-18e) is amended to read as follows:

C.26:2H-18e St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center designated specialty acute care children's hospital for certain counties.

1. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City of Paterson as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written agreement between St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and a majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services which are located in the counties listed in subsection a. of this section.

The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties listed in subsection a. of this section and shall set forth the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 24, 2003.