Tennessee Health Facilities Commission Created by the Merger of the Health Services and Development Agency and the Department of Health's Office of Health Care Facilities

In the 2022 legislative session, the Tennessee General Assembly passed <u>Public Chapter 1119</u> to create a new independent state agency, the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission (HFC). The Commission is formed from the former Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA) and Department of Health's Office of Health Care Facilities (OHCF). The Health Facilities Commission is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) designated State Surveying Agency (SSA).

The Health Facilities Commission encompasses the Certificate of Need Program, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (BLHCF), the Nursing Home Civil Monetary Penalty Reinvestment Program, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Program, and conducts the surveys and investigations of health facilities to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

Our mission is to promote access to quality, cost-effective health care in Tennessee. Logan Grant, former HSDA Executive Director, leads the Health Facilities Commission. Within the Commission, the Division of Licensure and Regulation is led by Caroline Tippens. The Division of Certificate of Need is directed by Phillip Earhart. Jim Christoffersen is the General Counsel. John Carr is the Director of Administration.

For more information about the Health Facilities Commission, go to www.tn.gov/hsda, email hsda.staff@tn.gov, or call (615) 741-7221.

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