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[Senate Bill No. 4816](#), introduced in the New Jersey State Senate on October 27, 2025, would expand the Certificate of Need exemption list with respect to maternity and neonatology services in health care facilities. A Certificate of Need is required for the construction of a health care facility, the expansion of a health care facility, or the institution of a new health care service. The Bill would provide exemptions from the Certificate of Need requirement for: (1) an addition of intermediate or intensive bassinets in a health care facility that provides inpatient maternity services; and (2) an increase in the level of neonatal care designation of a health care facility that provides inpatient maternity services.

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