Get CARE Fact Sheet and Certificate of Need Overview

The University of Chicago Medicine has submitted its Get CARE plan to state regulators charged with approving expansion projects in Illinois. The first step in the regulatory process is to file a Certificate of Need (CON) with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Below is an outline of the information included in the CON.

Get CARE provides access to the quality care the community needs.
The plan proposes to increase access to complex-care, emergency and trauma services:

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<td>Increase access to other specialty care services like cardiology/cardiac surgery and orthopedic medicine</td>
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<td>Provide modern technology and services for critically ill patients to improve care and comfort</td>
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- The proposal includes an addition of 188 new hospital beds to support these expansion plans that give patients the access to care they want and need. The request will restore UChicago Medicine to roughly its size in the late 1970s and bring it closer to the size of other academic medical centers in the area.
- With the expansion, UChicago Medicine will have 805 beds. By comparison, Northwestern Medicine maintains 894 beds and Rush University Medical Center maintains 731 beds.

Get CARE seeks to reduce disparities in access to care and meet the growing health needs of the South Side.
The elements of Get CARE were chosen after an assessment of community needs highlighted specific areas of care were patients' access is limited. UChicago Medicine found that, in addition to needing access to Level 1 trauma care, the communities it serves lack sufficient access to specialty and emergency care.
- Access to specialty care on the South Side has deteriorated over the years. Since 1985, the South Side has seen a 54 percent reduction in the number of beds as major hospitals like Michael Reese have shuttered and community providers have reduced their bed count.
- Patients on the South Side have unique health care needs. African-Americans suffer a higher incidence of certain types of cancer and higher mortality rates from cancer. The American Cancer Society attributes the higher mortality rates, in part, to a lack of access to quality, timely care.
- As an academic medical center, UChicago Medicine has the ability to care for patients with the most complex needs. Its adult patient population is 62 percent more complex.
than the weighted average of other hospitals in its planning area. When the medical center is full, patients have few options in the area to seek the complex care they need.

- UChicago Medicine occupancy rate is among the highest in the state. For 310 days in 2015, the medical center reached an occupancy rate of 90 percent — meaning its hospital beds were almost entirely full. On those days when UChicago Medicine is full, patients endure excessively long wait times, ambulances are diverted to other hospitals, and community hospitals are unable to transfer the patients that need specialty care.

- UChicago Medicine’s emergency department continues to see strong demand and would be unable to meet the future needs of the community without expansion. From 2009 to 2015, the number of adult ED visits has gone from 39,000 to more than 57,000.

- There is no Level 1 adult trauma service on the South Side despite approximately one-half of trauma cases in the city originating in this area.

**Get CARE is a significant investment in the community and patients.**

- UChicago Medicine is making a $269 million investment in the South Side.
- The proposal would create more than 1,000 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs.
- Together with the University, UChicago Medicine will continue its commitment to working with minority- and women-owned businesses.

**Under Get CARE, community involvement is an important part of the process.**

- UChicago Medicine will continue meeting and working with community leaders to gather input on the plan and community programming.
- Upon approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, UChicago Medicine will seek designation as a Level 1 adult trauma center by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Chicago Trauma Network.