



Federal Regulators Issue Joint Statement Opposing State Certificate Of Need Statutes

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In September, the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice Antitrust Division issued a joint statement expressing their strong opposition to state "certificate of need" laws, which typically prevent firms from entering health care markets unless the potential new entrant can demonstrate to state authorities that there is an unmet need for their services. The statement was sent to the Illinois Task Force on Health Planning Reform, which is currently studying whether to propose changes to the Illinois certificate of need law.

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