

641—202.8 (135) Extension of review time.

202.8(1) A formal review of an application for a certificate of need pursuant to Iowa Code section 135.66 may be extended by the department on the basis of any of the following criteria:

- a.* In order to review competing applications simultaneously;
- b.* In the case of technologically innovative equipment, to obtain additional information necessary to evaluate the proposal. The department shall specify in writing such additional information as necessary;
- c.* At the request of the applicant;
- d.* At the request of at least two members of the state health facilities council in order to allow additional time for deliberation on all evidence present. The council shall specify the time of the delay and the date on which the final decision will be rendered.

202.8(2) An extension by the department made pursuant to subrule 202.8(1) shall in no case be more than 60 calendar days beyond the time a decision is required under Iowa Code section 135.69 unless the applicant and department agree.

202.8(3) Where none of the provisions of 202.8(1) are applicable and where an application will be automatically denied because of the expiration of time required by Iowa Code section 135.69 for the issuance of a written decision by the council, the department shall notify the applicant of the likelihood of an automatic denial and shall ask the applicant to request in writing an extension of the review time. Where an extension is so requested, the application shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council or at any time agreeable to the applicant and the department.