

Original Executive Order  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 26, issued March 15, 2005, as amended June 3, 2005, placed a moratorium on the issuance of Certificates of Need for additional inpatient hospice services or inpatient hospice facilities, and on the acceptance of applications for additional inpatient hospice services or construction of inpatient hospice facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, after a review of the current circumstances, it is clear that this moratorium is no longer necessary, and therefore, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Alabama that the moratorium be lifted.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon these considerations, and for other good and valid reasons related thereto, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby rescind Executive Order 26, issued March 15, 2005, as amended June 3, 2005.

**BE IT ORDERED** that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



*Robert Bentley*  
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Robert Bentley  
Governor

Attested

*Beth Chapman*  
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Secretary of State