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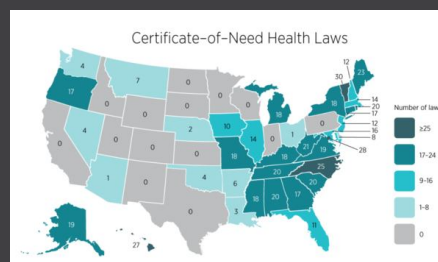
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Most states have tweaked their certificate of need laws [since 1987], whether adding new technologies under the CON umbrella or, to loosen the noose, increasing the capital expenditure threshold at which regulators must review a project, but 36 states still impose restrictions in the hope of reducing costs and limiting duplication of services.



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AACU, Physician Coalition Recommend Stark Law Updates

In a Feb. 5, 2016, letter to House and Senate committee chairs, the AACU and more than 20 organizations representing physicians expressed their views on how the Physician Self-Referral law can be modernized to reflect the evolution of health care delivery models. The signatories identified five fundamental updates to the Stark law that will be necessary to align it with post-SGR Medicare payment schemes.

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