Eastern Niagara Memorial Hospital\_CON info

<https://buffalonews.com/2019/05/01/eastern-niagara-hospital-eliminates-lockport-maternity-unit-cuts-services-at-newfane-site/>

* Eastern Niagara Hospital Announced on Wednesday May 1, 2019 that on June 30, 2019 it will close the maternity unit at its main location
	+ In 2018--hospital hosted 325 deliveries

<https://www.bizjournals.com/buffalo/news/2019/05/01/dozens-of-workers-impacted-as-maternity-outpatient.html>

* Following the closure, obstetric care will be outsourced to:
	+ Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Amherst (14 miles away from Lockport)
	+ Medina Memorial Hospital in Orleans County(16.5 miles away from Lockport)
	+ Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (20 miles away from Lockport)
	+ Lewiston's Mount St. Mary's Hospital (21 miles away from Lockport) on the western end of the county.

<http://www.enhs.org/programs-and-services/obstetrics-and-women-s-health/>

* Currently ENHS website has an active page with Obstetrics and Women’s health with no notice of the closure or alternative locations for women to seek services

<https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/protesters-fight-against-eastern-niagara-hospital-s-decision-to-close-maternity-ward/1979392710>

* Protestors gathered 3 days after the decision was announced
* "It's huge, because in this area you have to go 25, 30 minutes away to just get the care you need," said protester, Calvin Shellman. "[My] son was just born here in November, so one thing's for sure, the maternity ward is kind of top notch."
* Within one week, more than 500 people have signed an online petition urging Eastern Niagara to save all of the services that officials are planning to cut.

<https://www.change.org/p/ann-mccaffrey-save-hospital-services-for-niagara-county>

* Over 950 signatures to petition signed in 1 month
* Themes in the comments:
	+ Lack of transportation to other hospitals for care
	+ Fear of having to travel far distances for care
	+ Desire to keep services close to home
* This is an issue--according to a CON filed in 2010, completed in 2011, Eastern Niagara Hospital - Newfane Division (10 miles away from the Lockport location), decertified its maternity ward
* At the time, Newfane directed its obstetric care to Lockport
	+ <https://buffalonews.com/2010/02/10/newfane-maternity-unit-to-be-closed/>

According to the NYSE-CON application, the total cost of this part of the project is only $500, well below the ceiling established in DOH’s criteria for public review of CON.

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| **Project Number:** | 191275 |
| **Facility Name:** | Eastern Niagara Hospital - Lockport Division |
| **Project Description:** | Decertify all 12 maternity beds and remove the service of Maternity from the hospital's operating certificate. The new certified bed capacity at Eastern Niagara Hospital - Lockport Division will be 104 beds |

* According to the executive summary of this CON, Eastern Niagara Hospital (ENH) is a safety net hospital.
	+ “Based on April 2019 YTD data, ENH’s Lockport Division is projected to have 342 total births”