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Dear Ms. Clevenger:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 11-102 and proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH"). The proposed rule adds 410 IAC 15-4 to require mandatory reporting of healthcare associated infections by hospitals.

The economic impact statement prepared by the ISDH estimates that 148 Indiana hospitals are licensed by the ISDH and 7 of these hospitals may be classified as small businesses. Compliance with the proposed rule may impose increased administrative costs on hospital staff for monitoring and tracking healthcare associated infections, but any increased costs are expected to be minimal because they must currently comply with 410 IAC 15-1.4-2, which requires hospitals to maintain quality assessment and improvement programs for infection control.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or eshields@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

Eric Shields
Small Business Ombudsman

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