

**Economic Impact Statement**  
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**IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**  
**Impact on Small Business**

The following section provides responses to the following questions outlined in [IC 4-22-2.1-5](#):

**1. An estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule.**

[IC 5-28-2-6](#) defines a small business as a business entity that satisfies the following requirements:

- (1) On at least fifty percent (50%) of the working days of the business entity occurring during the preceding calendar year, the business entity employed not more than one hundred fifty (150) employees.
- (2) The majority of the employees of the business entity work in Indiana.

The OMPP estimates that 74 providers out of a total of 92 Medicaid certified hospice providers may meet the criteria of a small business.

**2. An estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small businesses will incur to comply with the proposed rule.**

The proposed rule amendment will not impose any additional annual reporting, record keeping, or other administrative costs on small businesses in order to comply with the proposed rule. This rule adjusts the payment rates available to hospice providers for certain services and does not place any new requirements on the provider.

**3. An estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance will have on small businesses subject to the rule.**

There is no economic impact that compliance will have on a small business subject to this rule, since no small businesses will incur any additional cost to comply with this rule.

**4. A statement justifying any requirement or cost that is imposed by the rule and not expressly required by law. The statement must reference any data, studies, or analyses relied upon by the agency in determining imposition of the requirement or cost is necessary.**

The proposed rule amendment will not impose any requirement or cost on small businesses in order to comply with the proposed rule.

**5. Any regulatory flexibility analysis that considers any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the same purpose.**

Other factors considered:

**A. Establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.**

The rule does not add any new reporting requirements for small businesses. Less stringent compliance or reporting requirements would not allow for the additional reimbursement rates implemented by the proposed rule.

**B. Establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.**

The rule has no impact on schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. Less stringent schedules or deadlines would not implement the additional reimbursement rates in the proposed rule.

**C. Consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.**

The rule has no impact on compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. Consolidation or simplification of compliance reporting requirements would not implement the additional reimbursement rates in the proposed rule.

**D. Establishment of performance standards for small businesses instead of design or operational standards imposed on other regulated entities by the rule.**

The rule has no impact on performance or operational standards for small businesses. Establishing performance standards for small businesses would not allow for the additional reimbursement rates implemented by the proposed rule.

**E. Exemption of small businesses from part or all of the requirements or costs imposed by the rule.**

The rule imposes no additional requirements or cost on small businesses, so exempting small businesses from the proposed rule would not achieve the rule's purpose of implementing the additional reimbursement rates for hospice providers.

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