

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

Pursuant to [IC 4-22-2.1-5](#), the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission has prepared this statement describing the annual impact the proposed addition of [836 IAC 1-2.2](#) will have on all small businesses after the rule is fully implemented.

Estimated number of small businesses subject to the proposed rule:

It is estimated that 20 small businesses will be subject to this proposed rule. These businesses are in the emergency medical services industry.

Estimated average annual administrative costs small businesses will incur:

It is estimated that the new requirements of this proposed rule will result in de minimis administrative costs to small businesses. Although emergency medical services (EMS) providers will have to ensure their medical protocols are compliant with the new minimum standard, it is estimated that nearly all are already compliant (the standard adopted is consistent with the American Heart Association standards that have been in effect for several years) and any updates could be incorporated to the protocol updates that traditionally occur annually. The time spent updating should be well less than an hour and any printing costs could be absorbed by the annual protocol update—if there are written protocol manuals as many agencies have gone to digital formats.

Estimated total annual economic impact on small businesses:

It is estimated that the new requirements of this proposed rule will not create an economic impact on any small business. As noted above, the additional time would be minimal and can be incorporated into a process that already exists in updating the medical protocols. This is a one-time compliance update and additional annual costs are not anticipated.

Justification Statement

The imposition of the requirement to collect and report these additional data elements is justified by the following reasons:

- (1) To stay current with the national standard in recognition and treatment of stroke for the emergency medical services industry.
- (2) To improve patient care by being able to define the base assessments and treatments that will produce positive patient outcomes via early recognition and appropriate transport determinations for treatment of stroke.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

A regulatory flexibility analysis was performed on this rule and it was determined that there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method to achieving the purpose of the proposed rule. This amended rule has taken into account all methods mentioned in [IC 4-22-2.1-5\(a\)\(5\)](#). The requirements of this proposed rule are justified and necessary to obtain critical data needed to recognize and respond to emergency medical services trends in a timely manner.

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