

**Notice of Public Comment Period for Rule Readoption**

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Readopts rules in anticipation of [IC 4-22-2.6](#), providing that an administrative rule adopted under [IC 4-22-2](#) expires January 1 of the fifth year after the year in which the rule takes effect unless the rule contains an earlier expiration date. Effective 30 days after filing with the publisher.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** [IC 16-21-1-7](#); [IC 16-41-2-1](#)

**OVERVIEW**

Rules to be readopted without changes are as follows:

[410 IAC 15-4](#) Reporting of Healthcare Associated Infections

Rules to be repealed without changes are as follows:

None

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS UNDER [IC 4-22-2.6-4](#)**

The healthcare associated infection reporting rules require health care facilities licensed by the Indiana Department of Health to report information data that is required to be reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for various quality reporting programs. The reporting is done through a web-based system created and managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention known as the National Healthcare Safety Network. There is a continued need for the rule, because healthcare associated infections are an increasing problem threatening the health and safety of patients not only in Indiana, but nationwide. The rules do not include any fines or penalties. The rules accomplish the goal of protecting health in the least restrictive manner possible. There have been no complaints or comments received from the public regarding this rule. The rule is written for ease of comprehension and has practicable enforcement.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time, the Indiana Department of Health solicits the following:

- (1) The submission of alternative ways to achieve the purpose of the rule.
- (2) The submission of suggestions for the development of draft rule language.

Comments may be submitted in one of the following ways:

- (1) By mail or common carrier to the following address:

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- (2) By electronic mail to [rulepubliccomments@health.in.gov](mailto:rulepubliccomments@health.in.gov). Include "[410 IAC 15-4](#) Comments" in the subject line. To confirm timely delivery of submitted comments, please request a document receipt when sending the electronic mail. **PLEASE NOTE: Electronic mail comments will NOT be considered part of the official written comment period unless they are sent to the address indicated in this notice.**

**COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE**

All comments must be postmarked or time stamped not later than October 13, 2023.

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