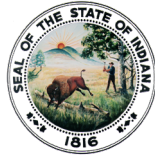




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TO: Executive Board  
Indiana Department of Health

FROM: Jordan Stover, Assistant Commissioner  
Consumer Services and Healthcare Regulation

RE: LSA Document # 23-XXX Rural Emergency Hospital Rule

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is presenting the Rural Emergency Hospital Rule for discussion. IDOH is proposing to add provisions to a new section of the Indiana Administrative Code governing state licensing requirements for rural emergency hospitals (REH).

REHs are a new provider type established by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act in response to rural hospital closures. The conversion to an REH allows for the provisions of emergency department services, observation care, and additional outpatient medical and health services. REHs are generally not permitted to provide inpatient services.

Indiana passed legislation that goes into effect July 1, 2023, recognizing REHs as a provider type. Indiana defines an REH as a hospital that was, as of December 27, 2020, a critical access hospital or a rural hospital that does not have more than fifty beds, is granted REH status by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), meets the requirements of an REH by CMS and is licensed as an REH by IDOH. The same legislation also requires IDOH to regulate REHs. The proposed rule includes minimal requirements for an REH to be licensed by IDOH, mostly consisting of complying with federal requirements.

This rule has not yet been submitted for moratorium review by IDOH. The proposed rule shall be effective thirty (30) days after filing with the Publisher.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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