

## **Readoption Review**

### **Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospitals, and Laboratories 410 IAC 1-2.3**

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

#### **Description of Rule:**

The Communicable Disease Reporting Rule for Physicians, Hospitals, and Laboratories is promulgated under Indiana Code 16-41-2-1 which allows the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to establish reporting, monitoring, and preventive procedures for communicable diseases. The rule provides reporting instructions and guidance on measures to prevent further spread of diseases for physicians, hospital administrators, and laboratories. Diseases covered by the rule are nationally notifiable conditions, vaccine preventable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, significant organisms with emerging drug resistance, diseases with bioterrorism potential, and diseases that require a public health response.

#### **Readoption Analysis:**

**1) Is there a continued need for this rule?**

Yes, this rule defines what diseases and conditions that public health authorities can respond to through education, prevention, and reduction in disease incidence and prevalence thereby reducing both individual suffering and economic burden.

**2) What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?**

The only comment from the public comes during outbreak investigations where in an effort to contain and stop an outbreak of disease, question the authority to exclude people from work, school, or other functions that would propagate the potential spread of disease.

**3) Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.**

This rule has no or limited impact upon small businesses.

**4) To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?**

None, this rule in fact supports and relates to many federal, state, and local laws governing public health.

**5) When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?**

The last readoption filed was November 8, 2006. Electronically reporting of information has changed since the last time this rule was adopted. This has change the method by which ISDH receives this data and ISDH has thus adapted to the technology and provided a system by which all local health departments, hospitals, physicians, laboratories can transmit communicable disease reports to ISDH and subsequently how ISDH transmits to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).