

Department of Health
Notice of Rulemaking Hearing
Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities
Division of Health Care Facilities

There will be a hearing before the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities to consider the promulgation of amendment of rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202 and 68-11-209. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Tennessee Room on the Ground floor of the Cordell Hull Building located at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN at 9:00 a.m. (CDST) on the 18th day of July, 2005.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (review these filings) should contact the Department of Health, Division of Health Care Facilities to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation or review. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (the date such party intends to review such filings), to allow time for the Division to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the ADA Coordinator at the Division of Health Care Facilities, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-0508, (615) 741-7598.

For a copy of the entire text of this notice of rulemaking hearing visit the Department of Health's web page on the Internet at www.state.tn.us/health and click on "rulemaking hearings" or contact: Steve Goodwin, Health Facility Survey Manager, Division of Health Care Facilities, 425 Fifth Avenue North, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN 37247-0508, (615) 741-7598.

Substance of Proposed Rules

Chapter 1200-8-1
Standards for Hospitals

Amendments

Rule 1200-8-1-.01, Definitions, is amended by deleting paragraph (17) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new paragraph (17) shall read:

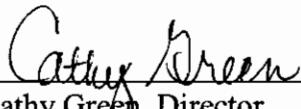
- (17) Critical Access Hospital. A hospital located in a rural area, certified by the Department as being a necessary provider of health care services to residents of the area, which makes available twenty-four (24) hour emergency care; is a designated provider in a rural health network; provides not more than twenty-five (25) acute care inpatient beds for providing inpatient care not to exceed an annual

average of ninety-six (96) hours, and has a quality assessment and performance improvement program and procedures for utilization review. If swing-bed approval has been granted, al twenty-five (25) beds can be used interchangeably for acute or Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF/swing-bed) level of care services. For the purposes of determining eligibility of a hospital to reclassify as a critical access hospital, "rural" is defined as any Tennessee county outside the four metropolitan areas of Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby counties.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-5-202, 4-5-204, 68-11-202, 68-11-204, 68-11-207, 68-11-209, 68-11-210, 68-11-211, 68-11-213, and 68-11-255.

Contact who can answer questions concerning this notice of rulemaking hearing, technical contact for disk acquisition, and person who will approve final copy for publication: Steve Goodwin, Health Facility Survey Manager, Division of Health Care Facilities, 1st Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 5th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-0508, (615) 741-7598.

I certify that this is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the Tennessee Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.



Cathy Green, Director
Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities

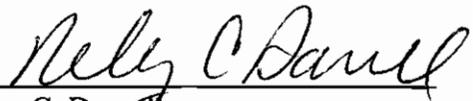
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 4th day of May, 2005.



Notary Public

My commission expires on the 27th day of January, 2007.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the 4 day of May, 2005.



Riley C. Daniel
Secretary of State

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