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**NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Health Care Authority TITLE NUMBER: 65

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Code § 16-2D-8(c)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

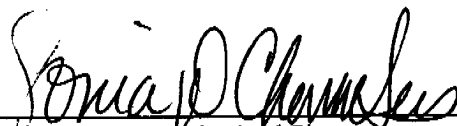
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 17

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Health Services Offered by Health Professionals

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULES, FOLLOWING REVIEW BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE, IS HEREBY MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE ATTACHED MODIFICATIONS ARE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

  
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SERIES 17  
HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

**§65-17-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule specifies which health services, major medical equipment, and/or facilities acquired, offered or developed by health professionals are subject to certificate of need review.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code, §§ 16-2D-4(a)(1), 16-2D-8©).

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 5, 2000.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~July 1, 2000.~~

**§65-17-2. Definitions.**

As used in this legislative rule, all terms that are defined in W. Va. Code §16-2D-1 et seq. have those same meanings which are in some cases further clarified herein in this rule. All terms not defined in W. Va. Code §16-2D-1 et seq. have the following meanings unless the context expressly requires otherwise.

2.1. "Diagnostic center" includes any facility or private office practice, free standing or attached to another building, stationary or mobile and means:

2.1.a. Any private office practice of one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which offers laboratory or imaging services and in which the total cost of all the equipment required to provide these services exceeds \$2,000,000; In determining whether the total cost of equipment exceeds \$2,000,000, the cost of studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, and other activities essential to the acquisition of the equipment shall be included; If the equipment is acquired for less than fair market value, the term "cost" includes fair market value; The term "cost" also includes a series of expenditures which exceeds \$2,000,000 if the State agency determines that the sum total constitutes a single expenditure subject to review under the provisions of the Health Care Authority's legislative rule, "Certificate of Need," 65 CSR 7, subdivision 3.6.a., 3.6.b., and 3.6.c.;

2.1.b. Any facility owned or operated by one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which whose primary purpose is to offers laboratory or imaging services in a setting that is not ancillary to and functionally integrated with the private office practice of the health professionals, including but not limited to the offering of the laboratory or imaging services through an entity which derives more than seventy-five percent (75%) of its gross revenues from such laboratory or imaging services, regardless of the cost associated with the proposal;

2.1.c. Any facility owned or operated by one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which offers laboratory or imaging services to

patients that are ~~not examined and evaluated in the same manner as any other patient of the private office practice of referred by other licensed health professionals for the purpose of obtaining the laboratory or imaging services~~, regardless of the cost associated with the proposal; ~~or~~

2.1.d. Any facility owned or operated by one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which offers laboratory or imaging services to patients, and which is not organized as a sole practitioner, a partnership of licensed professionals, a professional limited liability company authorized by the appropriate licensing board pursuant to Chapter 30, or a professional corporation authorized by the appropriate licensing board pursuant to Chapter 30, regardless of the cost associated with the proposal;

2.1.e. Any facility owned or operated by one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which offers laboratory or imaging services to patients through an entity for which any owner furnishes less than seventy-five percent (75%) of his or her total time spent on patient care services, regardless of the cost associated with the proposal; or

2.1.f. Any facility owned or operated by one or more health professionals licensed, authorized, or organized pursuant to Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code which offers laboratory or imaging services to patients, and which facility is either licensed by the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification of the Department of Health and Human Resources, or accredited by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, regardless of the cost associated with the proposal; provided however, that certification of a facility for any reason under Title 42 of the United States Code, including but not limited to certification of a facility as a rural health clinic under the Medicare or Medicaid programs shall not result in a facility being classified as a diagnostic center.

2.1.g. Provided, that any private office practice currently offering one or more laboratory or imaging services, including but not limited to radiology, ultrasound, mammography, fluoroscopy, nuclear imaging, densitometry, or computerized tomography, shall not be deemed a diagnostic center if:

2.1.g.1. Such laboratory or imaging services were offered in a manner that did not constitute a diagnostic center under subsection 2.1 as it existed at the time such laboratory or imaging services were first offered; or

2.1.g.2. Such laboratory or imaging services were offered in compliance with any certificate of need or ruling of non-reviewability received from the Health Care Authority.

2.2. "State agency" means the West Virginia Health Care Authority which is designated to administer the certificate of need program by W. Va. Code §16-29B-11.

### **§65-17-3. Health Services, Major Medical Equipment and/or Facilities.**

3.1. One or more health professionals licensed to practice in this state pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code who wish to acquire, offer or develop one or more of the health services, major medical equipment and/or facilities listed in subsection 3.3 of this rule shall follow the procedures set forth in the Health Care Authority's legislative rule, "Certificate of Need," 65 CSR 7.

3.2. If a health service, major medical equipment and/or facility is one set forth in subsection 3.3 of this

rule, the proposed acquisition, development or offering of that service, equipment and/or facility by a licensed health professional is subject to review regardless of the cost associated with the proposal, except for diagnostic centers as set forth in subdivision 3.3.i of this rule.

3.3. The list of health services, major medical equipment and/or facilities subject to review pursuant to W. Va. Code §16-2D-4(a)(1) is as follows. This list is all inclusive and may not be altered except by amendment to this legislative rule.

- 3.3.a. End-stage renal dialysis stations and home training.
- 3.3.b. Lithotripsy.
- 3.3.c. Radiation therapy.
- 3.3.d. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- 3.3.e. Proton emission tomography (PET).
- 3.3.f. Cardiac catheterization.
- 3.3.g. Birthing centers.
- 3.3.h. Ambulatory surgical facilities or ambulatory surgical centers.
- 3.3.i. Diagnostic centers.
- 3.3.j. CT (computed tomography) scanning.

**§65-17-4. Batching Category.**

All applications received pursuant to this rule shall be considered by the state agency in the applicable batching category as described in the Health Care Authority's legislative rule, "Certificate of Need," 65 CSR 7.