

PUBLIC NOTICE

Intent to Adopt Amended Rules Wyoming Department of Health

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health, Healthcare Licensing and Surveys intends to adopt amended rules pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-2-908. These rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

Amend Rules:

Chapter 12 - Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Hospitals
Chapter 17 - Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Critical Access Hospitals

The Wyoming Department of Health (Department) proposes to amend two chapters of rules related to the licensure of hospitals and critical access hospitals, identified as follows: *Rules, Department of Health, Healthcare Licensing and Surveys*, Chapter 12 (2012) (048.0061.12.09122012), which regulates hospitals, and Chapter 17 (2004) (048.0061.17.11042004), which regulates critical access hospitals. The Department amends these chapters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 35-2-908.

The Department seeks to amend Chapters 12 and 17 in order to account for access to care issues and staffing challenges at hospitals and critical access hospitals. The Department proposes one key area of substantive amendments: to permit Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists to provide anesthesia services without physician supervision, subject to limitations. As part of this effort, the Department also proposes conforming changes to address scope of practice issues related to physician assistants and advance practice nurse practitioners. Finally, the Department proposes various clean-up edits to improve the clarity of the rules and better conform to the Department's drafting conventions.

To obtain a copy of these Amended Rules, contact:

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A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Wyoming Department of Health welcomes all comments and suggestions on these rules. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt this Rule and may request that the Agency state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Written comments must be submitted to the above address or on the Secretary of State Rules

website, no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 3, 2022.

Interested parties may request a statement of the Department's position regarding each comment and the action taken as a result of the comments prior to, or within thirty (30) days after, adoption of these Rules. Requests must be submitted to the above address. If requested, the statement will be issued by the Department within thirty (30) days after the Agency action.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2022.

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Wyoming Department of Health Director