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COMMENTS LIMITED TO
Written

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD ENDS
Thursday, July 14, 2016 5:00 PM

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO
**Marianne Kapinos
General Counsel
Health Care Authority
100 Dee Drive
Charleston, WV 25311**

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes
Marianne Kapinos -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.



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PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

This rule creates an exemption from certificate of need review for kidney disease treatment centers located in medically underserved populations. It is mandated by HB 4365, effective June 10, 2016.

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PRIMARY CONTACT

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Charleston, STATE SECONDARY ZIP SECONDARY

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SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER WHAT IMPACT THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE ON COSTS AND REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

There is no effect.

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FISCAL NOTE DETAIL -- SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEM 1 AND 2 AND, IN ITEM 3, GIVE AN EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT.

Effect Of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use ' - ')	Next Increase/Decrease (use ' - ')	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0
CURRENT EXPENSES	0	0	0
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS	0	0	0
ASSETS	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0
ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	0

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3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT). PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN FEES IN YOUR ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES.

There is no effect.

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PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY AREAS OF VAGUENESS, TECHNICAL DEFECTS, REASONS THE PROPOSED RULE WOULD NOT HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT, AND OR ANY SPECIAL ISSUES NOT CAPTURED ELSEWHERE ON THIS FORM.

There are none.

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FORM 12 -- BRIEF SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES (Page 1)

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SUMMARIZE IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER CONTENTS OF CHANGES IN RULE AND STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE RULE.

HB 4365, effective June 10, 2016, directs the Health Care Authority to promulgate emergency rules by December 31, 2016 to effectuate the purposes of this legislation. This is one of the rules requires by this legislation.

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TITLE 65
LEGISLATIVE RULE
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

SERIES 33
EXEMPTION FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT CENTERS

§65-33-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule establishes an exemption from Certificate of Need for kidney disease treatment centers located in an area designated by the Authority as a medically underserved population.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§16-2D-4(a)(2) and (6), §16-2D-11(c)(22) and 16-29B-8(a)(1).

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5. Sunset Date. -- This rule will sunset 5 years after the rule becomes effective.

§65-33-2. Definitions.

As used in this legislative rule, all terms that are defined in section 2 of the Act have those same meanings which are in some cases further clarified in this rule. All terms not defined in the Act have the following meanings unless the context expressly requires otherwise.

2.1. "Act" mean the West Virginia Health Care Authority Certificate of Need Act, W. Va. Code §16-2D-1 et seq.

2.2. "Authority" mean the West Virginia Health Care Authority which is designated to administer the Certificate of Need program by W. Va. Code §16-29B-11.

2.3. "Medically underserved population" is defined on a county by county basis. Applicants seeking an exemption for a proposed new end stage renal disease treatment facility under this rule shall identify the service area as the county where the new facility is proposed to be located. For purposes of this rule only, a county service area with less than 50,000 residents is deemed to be a medically underserved population if there is no kidney disease treatment center located less than six (6) driving miles from the location provided in the exemption application.

2.4. "Verification" means a statement made under oath before a notary public that the information is knowingly provided and is true and correct.

§65-33-3. Application.

3.1. An application for an exemption shall, at a minimum, include the following:

3.1.1. Name, address and contact information for the applicant;

3.1.2. Name, address and contact information for the person making the application;

3.1.3. A copy of the governing body's approval of the proposal and its written authorization empowering specified individuals to sign the application and to act on its behalf; and

3.1.4. A detailed description of the project, including but not limited to:

3.1.4.a. The capital expenditure;

3.1.4.b. The address of the proposed facility and a copy of the executed lease or option to purchase agreement for the facility;

3.1.4.c. Evidence that there is adequate water and other utilities at the site to support the facility.

3.1.4.d. A detailed statement of the services to be provided;

3.1.4.e.. The name, address and contact information for the medical director of the facility.

3.1.4.f. The exemption for which the applicant is applying with the appropriate Code citation;

3.1.4.g. A statement of the circumstances justifying approval of the exemption; and

3.1.4.h. A timetable for implementation of the project, including the obligation for any capital expenditure. The facility must be operational within one year of the approval or the exemption will expire.

§65-33-4. Fee.

4.1. The application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1,000. Failure to file the required fee with the application is grounds for denial of the exemption.

§65-33-5. Review Process.

5.1. Upon receipt of the exemption application and fee, the Authority shall review the application to determine if the application contains all of the information required by Section 3 of this rule. Failure to provide the required information is grounds for denial of the exemption application.

5.2. Once the application is deemed complete, the Authority will provide notice to the public of its receipt of the application on its website.

5.3. An affected party may not file an objection to the exemption request.

5.4. The Authority may not conduct an administrative hearing to review the application.

5.5. The Authority must either approve or deny the application within forty five days, or sixty days if the time period is extended. The applicant may request or agree with the Authority to a fifteen day extension of this timeframe.

5.6. If the Authority does not approve or deny the application within forty-five days, or sixty days if the time period is extended, the exemption is deemed approved.

§65-33-6. Expiration of Exemption.

6.1. If the facility is not operational within one year from the date of the decision on exemption, the exemption will expire unless good cause can be demonstrated.

§65-33-7. Appeals.

7.1. An appeal of the Authority's decision may be filed with the Office of Judges in accordance with W.Va. Code §16-2D-16.

7.2. In lieu of an appeal, the applicant may refile an application with the Authority.

§65-33-8. Substantial Compliance Review.

8.1. The Authority shall conduct a substantial compliance review of all new health services for which it has issued an exemption in accordance with W. Va. C.S.R. §65-7-16.