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NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AGENCY: Health Care Cost Review Authority TITLE NUMBER: 65

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES , NO

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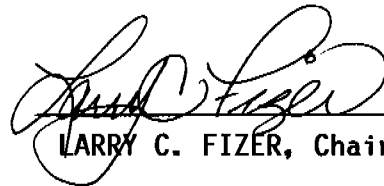
TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Exemption For Rural Primary Care Hospitals

THE ABOVE RULE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AUTHORIZATION IS CITED IN (house or senate bill number) H.B. 100

SECTION 64-5-3(u), PASSED ON May 26, 1993

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE: June 24, 1993


LARRY C. FIZER, Chairman

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TITLE 65
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE RULE
HEALTH CARE COST REVIEW AUTHORITY
SERIES 25

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Title: EXEMPTION FOR RURAL PRIMARY CARE HOSPITALS

§65-25-1 General

1.1. Scope - This legislative rule creates a mechanism for a rural primary care hospital (RPCH) to reject designation as a RPCH within twenty-four (24) calendar months from the date of such designation, and thereby restore its previously staffed and operated acute care beds without obtaining a certificate of need.

1.2. Authority - W. Va. Code §16-2D-4(g) and 8.

1.3. Filing Date - June 24, 1993.

1.4. Effective Date - June 24, 1993.

§65-25-2 Definitions

2.1. Board - The West Virginia Health Care Cost Review Authority which is designated to administer the

Certificate of Need Program pursuant to W. Va. Code §16-29B-11.

2.2. Rural Primary Care Hospital (RPCH) - A rural primary care hospital (RPCH) is a hospital that provides inpatient services, and/or stabilization before discharge or transfer to an essential access community hospital (EACH). The RPCH has a limited number of acute care beds with an additional limitation on the number of days a patient can be considered an inpatient. RPCH's must be designated as such by the West Virginia Office of Rural Health Policy in accordance with the guidelines established in W. Va. Code §16-2D-4(g).

2.3. State Agency - Health Care Cost Review Authority.

§65-25-3 Exemption Criteria

To qualify for the exemption from certificate of need review a rural primary care hospital must meet the following criteria:

3.1. The hospital must be designated as a RPCH by the Office of Rural Health Policy.

3.2. The hospital must undergo a reduction in its licensed acute care beds as determined by the Office of Rural Health Policy.

3.3. The Office of Rural Health Policy shall notify the Health Care Cost Review Authority of the hospital's designation as a RPCH; the number of beds staffed and operated by the hospital immediately prior to designation; and the number of acute care beds certified by the Health Care Financing Administration.

3.4. The hospital must reject the designation as a RPCH within twenty-four (24) calendar months from the date of designation by the Office of Rural Health Policy by written notice to the Office of Rural Health Policy and the Health Care Cost Review Authority.

§65-25-4 Exemption Procedure

Each applicant seeking an exemption pursuant to this rule, must file with the board a letter of intent at least fifteen (15) days before the submission of the application. The letter of intent shall contain sufficient information to advise the board of the nature of the exemption sought and outline the grounds for the exemption.

4.2. Upon receipt of the letter of intent, the board shall publish a notice in the Saturday Charleston newspapers and the State Register. The notice shall identify the legal entity seeking an exemption, the type of exemption requested, and a description of the proposal. The notice shall also state the rights of affected parties to a hearing.

4.3. In order to obtain the exemption, each applicant must file an application with the board no sooner than the fifteenth day or later than the thirtieth day following the filing of the letter of intent. The application shall contain the following:

4.3.1. Information that demonstrates that the applicant meets the exemption criteria required by subsections 3.1., 3.2., 3.3., and 3.4 of this rule.

4.3.2. Information regarding the number and type of beds which the applicant seeks to restore; provided that the total number of beds which the hospital proposes to license shall not exceed the number of beds which were staffed and operated by the hospital immediately prior to the hospital's designation as a RPCH.

4.3.3. A verification signed by the chairperson of the hospital's board and the hospital's chief executive officer.

4.4. Upon receipt of the application, the board shall determine within fifteen (15) days whether or not the application is complete. If the application is not complete, the board may request additional information. Upon receipt of that additional information, the board has fifteen (15) days within which to determine if the application is complete. Upon determining that the application is complete and after the date has passed in which an affected person may request a hearing, the board shall publish a notice in the Saturday Charleston newspapers and the State Register. The notice shall identify the applicants, shall describe the proposal, and shall, if a hearing on the exemption has been requested, state the time, place, and date of the hearing.

4.5. If a hearing has not been requested, then following the publication of the notice in the Saturday Charleston newspapers and the State Register, the board shall within ten (10) days issue a written decision on the application which decision is a final decision. The board shall publish notice of the decision in the Saturday Charleston newspapers and the State Register.

4.6. If a hearing has been requested by an affected party, the board shall follow the provisions of subsections 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 of this legislative rule.

4.7. In order to be effective, the request for a hearing must be from an affected party and must be filed in writing with the board within ten (10) days of the publication of the notice in the Saturday Charleston newspapers as required by subsection 4.2 of this rule.

§65-25-5 Requests for Hearings

5.1. If an affected person requests a hearing, the board shall terminate the exemption review period. The board or its designee shall hold a hearing within thirty (30) days of the request for a hearing unless the board sets a later date upon a showing of good cause.

5.2. The board or its designee may conduct a prehearing conference in accordance with Rule 16 of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure. If an order is first obtained from the board or a hearing examiner appointed by it, the parties may engage in discovery as provided by the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure; except that the scope of discovery is limited to relevant and admissible evidence.

5.3. At the conclusion of the hearing, the parties may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and legal briefs. The board has ten (10) days from the receipt of

those items or the closure of the record if those items are not tendered to make its determination in writing.

5.4. A written decision made pursuant to subsection 5.3 of this rule is a final decision. The board shall publish notice of the decision in the Saturday Charleston newspapers and the State Register.

§65-25-6 Notification By Office of Rural Health Policy

Within twenty-five (25) months from its designation of rural primary care hospitals, the Office of Rural Health Policy shall notify the board of the status of the designated hospitals including the number of licensed beds for each designated hospital.

§65-25-7 Severability

The provisions of this rule are severable. If any portion of this rule is held invalid, the remaining provisions remain in effect.

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SENATE BILL NO. 199

(By Senator Manchin)

[Introduced March 1, 1993; referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources; and
then to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact section three, article five, chapter
11 sixty-four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine
12 hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to authorizing the
13 health care cost review authority to promulgate legislative
14 rules relating to the exemption for primary care hospitals.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

16 That section three, article five, chapter sixty-four of the
17 code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as
18 amended, be amended and reenacted, to read as follows:

19 ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
20 RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.

21 §64-5-3. Health care cost review authority.

22 (a) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
23 twenty-first day of October, one thousand nine hundred

1 eighty-three, relating to the health care cost review authority
2 (limitation on hospital gross patient revenue), are authorized.

3 (b) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
4 nineteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred
5 eighty-three, relating to the health care cost review authority
6 (freeze on hospital rates and granting temporary rate increases),
7 are authorized.

8 (c) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
9 twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred
10 eighty-four, relating to the health care cost review authority
11 (implementation of the utilization review and quality assurance
12 program), are authorized.

13 (d) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
14 fifteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four,
15 relating to the health care cost review authority (hospital cost
16 containment methodology), are authorized.

17 (e) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
18 twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred
19 eighty-five, modified by the West Virginia health care cost
20 review authority to meet the objections of the legislative
21 rule-making review committee and refiled in the state register on
22 the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred
23 eighty-six, relating to the West Virginia health care cost review
24 authority (interim standards for lithotripsy services), are
25 authorized.

1 (f) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
2 third day of September, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven,
3 modified by the West Virginia health care cost review authority
4 to meet the objections of the legislative rule-making review
5 committee and refiled in the state register on the twenty-seventh
6 day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, relating
7 to the West Virginia health care cost review authority
8 (exemptions from certificate of need review), are authorized.

9 (g) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
10 nineteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred
11 eighty-eight, modified by the health care cost review authority
12 to meet the objections of the legislative rule-making review
13 committee and refiled in the state register on the twenty-first
14 day of February, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, relating
15 to the health care cost review authority (financial disclosure),
16 are authorized.

17 (h) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
18 fourteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine,
19 modified by the West Virginia health care cost review authority
20 to meet the objections of the legislative rule-making review
21 committee and refiled in the state register on the fifth day of
22 December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, relating to the
23 West Virginia health care cost review authority (expedited review
24 for rate changes), are authorized with the amendments set forth
25 below:

1 On page 5, Section 4.1, after the words: "affected by the
2 increase." by inserting the following language: "The hospital
3 shall also reconcile any excesses in gross revenue, gross patient
4 revenue, gross inpatient revenue or charges per discharge.
5 Within fifteen days of submission the Authority shall inform the
6 hospital if it accepts the justification for excesses provided by
7 the hospital."

8 And,

9 On page 6, section 4.2, after the words "the excess in gross
10 outpatient revenue" by striking the period and inserting the
11 following:

12 "or if any excesses in the above categories (1 through 4)
13 have been sufficiently justified to the Authority as required in
14 Section 4.1 of this rule."

15 (i) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
16 eleventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine,
17 modified by the West Virginia health care cost review authority
18 to meet the objections of the legislative rule-making review
19 committee and refiled in the state register on the fifth day of
20 December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, relating to the
21 West Virginia health care cost review authority (exemption for
22 conversion of acute care beds to skilled nursing care beds), are
23 authorized.

24 (j) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
25 thirtieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, modified

1 by the health care cost review authority to meet the objections
2 of the legislative rule-making review committee and refiled in
3 the state register on the twenty-fifth day of September, one
4 thousand nine hundred ninety, relating to the health care cost
5 review authority (exemption for shared services), are authorized.

6 (k) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
7 thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety,
8 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
9 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
10 refiled in the state register on the twenty-fifth day of
11 September, one thousand nine hundred ninety, relating to the
12 health care cost review authority (health services offered by
13 health professionals), are authorized.

14 (l) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
15 eleventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred ninety,
16 modified by the West Virginia health care cost review authority
17 to meet the objections of the legislative rule-making review
18 committee and refiled in the state register on the twenty-fourth
19 day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to
20 the West Virginia health care cost review authority (conversion
21 of acute care beds to one hundred skilled nursing care beds), are
22 authorized.

23 (m) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
24 twelfth day of August, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
25 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the

1 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
2 refiled in the state register on the eighth day of November, one
3 thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the health care
4 cost review authority (health services offered by health
5 professionals), are authorized.

6 (n) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
7 first day of May, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, modified
8 by the health care cost review authority to meet the objections
9 of the legislative rule-making review committee and refiled in
10 the state register on the twenty-second day of July, one thousand
11 nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the health care cost review
12 authority (review for automatic rate changes), are authorized.

13 (o) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
14 ninth day of August, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
15 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
16 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
17 refiled in the state register on the sixteenth day of October,
18 one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the health care
19 cost review authority (certificate of need), are authorized.

20 (p) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
21 twelfth day of August, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
22 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
23 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
24 refiled in the state register on the sixteenth day of October,
25 one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the health care

1 cost review authority (exemption for shared services), are
2 authorized with the amendments set forth below:

3 On page six, subsection 4.4, after the words "Charleston
4 newspapers", by striking out the word "and" and inserting in lieu
5 thereof a comma;

6 On page six, subsection 4.4, after the words "State Register"
7 by adding the words "and a newspaper of general circulation
8 within the area of the facility.";

9 On page seven, subsection 4.5, after the words "notice in the
10 Saturday Charleston newspapers", by striking out the word "and"
11 and inserting in lieu thereof a comma;

12 On page seven, subsection 4,5, before the words "the state
13 agency shall within ten", by striking out the comma and inserting
14 the words "and a newspaper of general circulation within the area
15 of the facility";

16 And,

17 On page seven, subsection 4.5, after the words "decision in
18 the Saturday Charleston newspapers", by striking out the
19 remainder of the sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the
20 following: ", the state register and a newspaper of general
21 circulation within the area of the facility.".

22 (q) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
23 twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
24 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
25 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and

1 refiled in the state register on the twenty-third day of
2 September, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the
3 health care cost review authority (development of life care
4 retirement centers), are authorized.

5 (r) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
6 twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
7 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
8 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
9 refiled in the state register on the twenty-third day of
10 September, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one, relating to the
11 health care cost review authority (conversion of acute care beds
12 to skilled nursing care beds), are authorized.

13 (s) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
14 ninth day of August, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one,
15 modified by the health care cost review authority to meet the
16 objections of the legislative rule-making review committee and
17 refiled in the state register on the tenth day of January, one
18 thousand nine hundred ninety-two, relating to the health care
19 cost review authority (financial disclosure), are authorized with
20 the amendment set forth below:

21 On page eighteen, after subsection 5.3, by adding thereto a
22 new subsection, designated subsection 5.4, to read as follows:

23 "5.4 A covered facility which is a nonprofit,
24 community-based primary care center providing primary care
25 services without regard to ability to pay which provides the

1 board with a year-end audited financial statement prepared in
2 accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and with
3 governmental auditing standards issued by the comptroller general
4 of the United States shall be considered to have complied with
5 the disclosure requirements of sections 3 and 4 of this rule."

6 (t) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
7 eighteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred ninety-
8 two, modified by the health care cost review authority to meet
9 the objections of the legislative rule-making review committee
10 and refiled in the state register on the twentieth day of
11 November, one thousand nine hundred ninety-two, relating to the
12 health care cost review authority (exemption for primary care
13 hospitals), are authorized.

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15 NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Health
16 Care Cost Review Authority to promulgate legislative rules
17 relating to the exemption for primary care hospitals.

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19 Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from
20 the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that
21 would be added.

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HB 100 authorizing, Title 65, Series 25, Exemption for Primary Care Hospitals, passed the Legislature on **May 26, 1993**. It is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

You have sixty (60) days after the Governor signs HB 100, to final file the legislative rule with the Secretary of State's office. To final file your legislative rule, fill in the blanks on the enclosed form #6, the "Final Filing" form and file the form with our office. Authorization for your legislative rule is cited in **HB 100** section 64-5-3(u). The agency may set the effective date of the legislative rule up to ninety (90) days from the date the legislative rule is final filed with the Secretary of State's office. Please have an authorized signature on the bottom line.

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After the final rule is entered into the legislative data base, the rule will be sent to the agency for review and proofing. Following confirmation or corrections, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall submit to the agency a final version of the rule for their records.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Thank You
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