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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-12-4-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
2 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. The Indiana department of health shall **prepare**
4 **an annual financial report and an annual report concerning the Indiana**
5 **department of health's activities under this chapter and promptly**
6 **transmit the annual reports to the governor and, in an electronic format**
7 **under IC 5-14-6, to the legislative council. The Indiana department of**
8 **health shall make the annual reports available to the public upon**
9 **request. make information about the Indiana department of**
10 **health's activities under this chapter, including financial**
11 **information, available on the Indiana department of health's**
12 **website.**

13 SECTION 2. IC 12-15-13-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 10. Notwithstanding any**

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1 **other law, rule, or bulletin, a home health agency licensed under
2 IC 16-27-1 may continue to provide services to a Medicaid
3 recipient and receive Medicaid reimbursement for the services
4 while the home health agency's application for Medicare
5 enrollment is pending if the home health agency:**

6 **(1) submitted a Medicare enrollment application to the
7 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; or
8 (2) initiated the enrollment process with a federal Centers
9 for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved accrediting
10 organization;**

11 **before April 1, 2026.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-36.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 36.8. "Blood and blood products
15 in liquid or semiliquid form", for purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the
16 meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.5.**

17 SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-69.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
18 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 69.1. "Container", for purposes
20 of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.6.**

21 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-110, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2025,
22 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 110. "Emergency medical services", for purposes
24 of IC 16-31 and IC 16-38-7, means an integrated medical care delivery
25 system in which emergency medical responders, emergency medical
26 technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics
27 provide emergency and nonemergency medical care to protect against
28 the loss of life or aggravation of illness or injury:**

29 **(1) during an emergency response;
30 (2) while transporting a patient in a ground or air ambulance
31 outside of a hospital, a health care facility, a mental health
32 facility, or an urgent care facility (as defined in IC 16-24.5-1-1);
33 or
34 (3) as part of a mobile integrated healthcare program described
35 in IC 16-31-12.**

36 SECTION 6. IC 16-18-2-114.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 114.2. "EMS data dictionary",
38 for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in
39 IC 16-38-7-1.**

40 SECTION 7. IC 16-18-2-179, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2023,
41 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 179. (a) "Hospital", except as provided in
2 subsections (b) through ~~(g)~~, **(h)**, means a hospital that is licensed under
3 IC 16-21-2.

4 (b) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-21, means an institution, a
5 place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general public that
6 it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides care,
7 accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection with the
8 services of a physician, to individuals who may need medical or
9 surgical services. The term does not include the following:

10 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

11 (2) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,
12 care, and treat the following:

13 (A) Individuals with a mental illness (as defined in
14 IC 12-7-2-117.6).

15 (B) Individuals with developmental disabilities (as defined
16 in IC 12-7-2-61).

17 (3) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept as
18 bed patients.

19 (4) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the aged.

20 (5) Rural emergency hospitals.

21 (c) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-22-8, has the meaning set
22 forth in IC 16-22-8-5.

23 (d) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-23.5, has the meaning set
24 forth in IC 16-23.5-1-9.

25 (e) "Hospital" or "tuberculosis hospital", for purposes of IC 16-24,
26 means an institution or a facility for the treatment of individuals with
27 tuberculosis.

28 (f) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-34, means a hospital (as
29 defined in subsection (b)) that:

30 (1) is required to be licensed under IC 16-21-2; or

31 (2) is operated by an agency of the United States.

32 (g) **"Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, means an
33 institution, a place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the
34 general public that it is operated for hospital purposes and that it
35 provides care, accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in
36 connection with the services of a physician, to individuals who may
37 need medical or surgical services. The term does not include the
38 following:**

39 (1) **Freestanding health facilities.**

40 (2) **Long term acute care hospitals.**

41 (3) **Hospitals that do not provide emergency services.**

42 (4) **Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,**



care, and treat the following:

(A) Individuals with a mental illness.

(B) Individuals with developmental disabilities.

(5) Offices of physicians where patients are not regularly kept as bed patients.

(6) Convalescent homes, boarding homes, or homes for the aged.

(7) Rehabilitation facilities.

11 SECTION 8. IC 16-18-2-198.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 198.1. "Laboratory animal**
14 **carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids, and bedding", for**
15 **purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in**
16 **IC 16-41-16-4.5.**

17 SECTION 9. IC 16-18-2-211, AS AMENDED BY P.L.235-2025,
18 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 211. (a) "Local health department", except as
20 provided in subsections ~~(b)~~, ~~(c)~~, and ~~(d)~~, **(b) through (e)**, means a
21 department organized by a county or city executive with a board, a
22 health officer, and an operational staff to provide health services to a
23 county, city, or multiple county unit.

(b) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-41-7.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-7.5-1.

26 (c) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-1,
27 refers to:

28 **(1) a local health department established under IC 16-20; or**
29 **(2) the health and hospital corporation created under**
30 **IC 16-22-8.**

34 (d) (e) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-28, has
35 the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-28-1.

36 SECTION 10. IC 16-18-2-240.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 240.1. "Mortuary", for purposes**
39 **of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-4.**

40 SECTION 11. IC 16-18-2-244.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
41 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 244.6. "National EMS

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1 **Information System", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning**
 2 **set forth in IC 16-38-7-2.**

3 SECTION 12. IC 16-18-2-313.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.4. "Rehabilitation hospital",**
 6 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**
 7 **IC 16-38-7-3.**

8 SECTION 13. IC 16-18-2-313.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.5. "Rehabilitation hospital**
 11 **registry data dictionary" for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the**
 12 **meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-4.**

13 SECTION 14. IC 16-18-2-338.3, AS AMENDED BY
 14 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 338.3. (a) "Standing order", for
 16 purposes of IC 16-31 and IC 16-42-27, means:

17 (1) a written order; or

18 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;
 19 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the
 20 distribution and administration of an overdose intervention drug,
 21 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure
 22 timely access to treatment.

23 (b) "Standing order", for purposes of IC 16-41-43, means:

24 (1) a written order; or

25 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;
 26 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the
 27 distribution and administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine,
 28 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure
 29 timely access to treatment.

30 SECTION 15. IC 16-18-2-354.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.6. "Trauma center", for**
 33 **purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-5.**

34 SECTION 16. IC 16-18-2-354.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.9. "Trauma data dictionary",**
 37 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**
 38 **IC 16-38-7-6.**

39 SECTION 17. IC 16-18-2-370.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 40 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 370.6. "Waste handler", for**
 42 **purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in**



1 **IC 16-41-16-6.6.**

2 SECTION 18. IC 16-19-4-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2022,
 3 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) The state health commissioner or the
 5 commissioner's designated public health authority who is a licensed
 6 prescriber may, as part of the individual's official capacity, issue a
 7 standing order, prescription, or protocol that allows a pharmacist to
 8 administer or dispense any of the following:

9 (1) An immunization that is recommended by the federal Centers
 10 for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on
 11 Immunization Practices for individuals who are not less than
 12 eleven (11) years of age.

13 (2) A **smoking cessation product: tobacco, vaping, or nicotine**
 14 **cessation product.** However, the pharmacist must inform the
 15 patient that the patient must have a follow-up consultation with
 16 the patient's licensed prescriber.

17 (b) This subsection does not apply to a pharmacist. The state
 18 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health
 19 authority who is a licensed prescriber may, as part of the individual's
 20 official capacity, issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol that
 21 allows an individual who is licensed, certified, or registered by a board
 22 (as defined in IC 25-1-9-1), and if within the individual's scope of
 23 practice, to administer or dispense an immunization that is
 24 recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
 25 Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for
 26 individuals who are not less than eleven (11) years of age.

27 (c) A standing order described in subsection (a), (b), or (e) must
 28 include the following:

29 (1) The purpose of the order.

30 (2) The eligible recipients.

31 (3) The geographic area covered by the standing order.

32 (4) The procedure for administering or dispensing the
 33 immunization or product.

34 (5) A timeline for renewing or updating the standing order.

35 (d) The state health commissioner or designated public health
 36 authority who issues a standing order, prescription, or protocol under
 37 subsection (a), (b), or (e) is immune from civil liability related to the
 38 issuing of the standing order, prescription, or protocol.

39 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and subsection (b), the state
 40 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health
 41 authority may issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol to
 42 administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the



1 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory
2 Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are at least
3 five (5) years of age. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the state
4 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health
5 authority to:

6 (1) require an individual to receive an immunization for
7 COVID-19; or
8 (2) waive or otherwise allow a minor to receive an immunization
9 without the consent of the parent or guardian as required under
10 IC 16-36-1.

11 This subsection expires at the conclusion of the federal public health
12 emergency concerning COVID-19 that was renewed on October 15,
13 2021, or any subsequent renewal of the declared federal public health
14 emergency concerning COVID-19.

15 SECTION 19. IC 16-20-1-23.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 23.5. A local health department, including the health and hospital corporation created under IC 16-22-8, may conduct an inspection permitted under IC 16-42-1-13(b).**

21 SECTION 20. IC 16-21-2-12.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.171-2025,
22 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e), in regulating the licensure of hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers under this article, the state department shall use the following for purposes of enforcement:

27 (1) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
28 Institute (FGI) **Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals, planning codes**, except to the extent the **guidelines codes** conflict with subdivision (3) or (4). (2) or (3).
31 (2) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
32 Institute (FGI) **Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities**, except to the extent the **guidelines conflict with subdivision (3) or (4).**
35 (3) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code Handbook and Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the Conditions of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.
40 (4) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99, Health Care Facilities Code Handbook and Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for

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1 Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the
2 Conditions of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.

3 (b) The state department shall list the version of each publication
4 described in subsection (a) being utilized by the state department on
5 the state department's website.

6 (c) The state department shall meet the following requirements
7 when a new version of a publication described in subsection (a)(1) and
8 (a)(2) is published:

9 (1) Not later than ninety (90) days from the publication of the
10 new version, post a notice of the publication on the state
11 department's website, stating the state department's intent to
12 adopt the new version.

13 (2) Set forth as part of the notice a date that is:

14 (A) not earlier than two hundred seventy (270) days; and
15 (B) not later than three hundred sixty (360) days;

16 from the posting of the notice in which the state department may
17 take action using the new version of the publication.

18 (d) The following apply for a plan review submitted to the state
19 department concerning the construction, renovation, or addition to a
20 hospital or ambulatory outpatient surgical center:

21 (1) For a plan review submitted before July 1, 2025, the state
22 department shall utilize, for purposes of enforcement, the version
23 of each publication described in subsection (a) that was in effect
24 at the time the plan review was submitted.

25 (2) For a plan review submitted on July 1, 2025, and thereafter,
26 the state department shall utilize, for purposes of enforcement,
27 the version of each publication that was in place on the date that
28 the plan review was submitted and complying with the
29 limitations set forth in subsection (c)(2).

30 (e) The following are void:

31 (1) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(1).

32 (2) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(3).

33 (3) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(A).

34 (4) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(C).

35 The publisher of the Indiana Code and Indiana Register shall remove
36 these provisions from the Indiana Administrative Code.

37 SECTION 21. IC 16-21-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2025,
38 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Each hospital shall file with the state
40 department a report for the preceding fiscal year ~~within one hundred~~
41 ~~twenty (+20) days after not later than October 1 of the year~~
42 **following** the end of the hospital's fiscal year. For the filing of a report,

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1 the state department may grant an extension of the time to file the
2 report if the hospital shows good cause for the extension. The report
3 must contain the following:

4 (1) A copy of the hospital's balance sheet, including a statement
5 describing the hospital's total assets and total liabilities.

6 (2) A copy of the hospital's income statement.

7 (3) A statement of changes in financial position.

8 (4) A statement of changes in fund balance.

9 (5) Accountant notes pertaining to the report.

10 (6) A copy of the hospital's report required to be filed annually
11 under 42 U.S.C. 1395g, and other appropriate utilization and
12 financial reports required to be filed under federal statutory law.

13 (7) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims,
14 including providing the information as follows:

15 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
16 for inpatient services for:

17 (i) Medicare;

18 (ii) Medicaid;

19 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services
20 provided to patients participating in a fully-funded
21 health insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance
22 plan;

23 (iv) self-pay; and

24 (v) any other category of payer.

25 (B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
26 for outpatient services for:

27 (i) Medicare;

28 (ii) Medicaid;

29 (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient
30 services provided to patients participating in a
31 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded
32 health insurance plan;

33 (iv) self-pay; and

34 (v) any other category of payer.

35 (C) The total net patient revenue and total number of paid
36 claims for:

37 (i) Medicare;

38 (ii) Medicaid;

39 (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net
40 patient revenue for services provided to patients
41 participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or
42 a self-funded health insurance plan;



- (iv) self-pay; and
- (v) any other category of payer.

(8) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims from facility fees, including providing the information as follows:

(A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims for inpatient services from facility fees for:

(i) Medicare;

(ii) Medicaid;

(iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services from facility fees provided to patients participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance plan;

- (iv) self-pay; and
- (v) any other category of payer.

(B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims for outpatient services from facility fees for:

(i) Medicare;

(ii) Medicaid;

(iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services from facility fees provided to patients participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance plan;

(iv) self-pay; and

(v) any other category of payer.

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- (ii) Medicaid;
- (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net patient revenue from facility fees provided to patients participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance plan;

- (iv) self-pay; and
- (v) any other category of payer.

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(9) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims from professional fees, including providing the information as follows:

(A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims for inpatient services from professional fees for:

(1) Medicare;

(11) Medicaid;

(iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services



1 (12) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and
2 unreimbursed research.

3 (13) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and
4 unreimbursed education separated into the following categories:
5 (A) Education of physicians, nurses, technicians, and other
6 medical professionals and health care providers.
7 (B) Scholarships and funding to medical schools, and other
8 postsecondary educational institutions for health
9 professions education.
10 (C) Education of patients concerning diseases and home
11 care in response to community needs.
12 (D) Community health education through informational
13 programs, publications, and outreach activities in response
14 to community needs.
15 (E) Other educational services resulting in education related
16 costs.

17 (14) The name of each person or entity that has:
18 (A) either:
19 (i) an ownership interest of at least five percent (5%);
20 or
21 (ii) if the person is a practitioner of the hospital, any
22 ownership interest;
23 (B) a controlling interest; or
24 (C) an interest as a private equity partner;
25 in the hospital.
26 (15) The business address of each person or entity identified
27 under subdivision (14). The business address must include a:
28 (A) building number;
29 (B) street name;
30 (C) city name;
31 (D) ZIP code; and
32 (E) country name.
33 The business address may not include a post office box number.
34 (16) The business website, if applicable, of each person or entity
35 identified under subdivision (14).
36 (17) Any of the following identification numbers, if applicable,
37 for a person or entity identified under subdivision (14):
38 (A) National provider identifier (NPI).
39 (B) Taxpayer identification number (TIN).
40 (C) Employer identification number (EIN).
41 (D) CMS certification number (CCN).
42 (E) National Association of Insurance Commissioners

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1 (NAIC) identification number.
 2 (F) A personal identification number associated with a
 3 license issued by the department of insurance.
 4 A hospital may not include the Social Security number of any
 5 individual.
 6 (18) The ownership stake of each person or entity identified
 7 under subdivision (14).
 8 (b) The information in the report filed under subsection (a) must
 9 be provided from reports or audits certified by an independent certified
 10 public accountant or by the state board of accounts.
 11 (c) A hospital that fails to file the report required under subsection
 12 (a) by the date required shall pay to the state department a fine of ten
 13 thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for which the report is past due. A
 14 fine under this subsection shall be deposited into the payer affordability
 15 penalty fund established by IC 12-15-1-18.5.

16 SECTION 22. IC 16-21-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2011,
 17 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. In addition to the report filed under section 3 of
 19 this chapter, each hospital shall, ~~not more than one hundred twenty~~
 20 ~~(+20) days after the end of each calendar quarter, not later than~~
 21 **October 1 of the year following the end of the hospital's fiscal year**,
 22 file with the state department, or the state department's designated
 23 contractor, inpatient and outpatient discharge information at the patient
 24 level, in a format prescribed by the state health commissioner,
 25 including the following:
 26 (1) The patient's:
 27 (A) length of stay;
 28 (B) diagnoses and surgical procedures performed during the
 29 patient's stay;
 30 (C) date of:
 31 (i) admission;
 32 (ii) discharge; and
 33 (iii) birth;
 34 (D) type of admission;
 35 (E) admission source;
 36 (F) gender;
 37 (G) race;
 38 (H) discharge disposition; and
 39 (I) payor, including:
 40 (i) Medicare;
 41 (ii) Medicaid;
 42 (iii) a local government program;

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- (iv) commercial insurance;
- (v) self-pay; and
- (vi) charity care.

(2) The total charge for the patient's stay.

(3) The ZIP code of the patient's residence.

(4) Beginning October 1, 2013, all diagnosed external causes of injury codes.

SECTION 23. IC 16-27.5-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2025,

SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. (a) A home health aide competency evaluation program must:

(1) operate in accordance with 42 CFR 484.80; and

(2) address each topic described in section 4(a) of this chapter.

(b) A home health aide competency evaluation program must include at least seventy-five (75) hours of training. At least sixteen (16) hours of classroom training must occur before supervised practical training.

SECTION 24. IC 16-29-7-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024, SECTION 130, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The state department shall establish a review period for certificate of need applications beginning July 1, 2019, and every July 1 thereafter, and lasting until the following June 30.

(b) The state department shall accept certificate of need applications until July 31 of the review period.

(c) The state department shall publish any certificate of need applications accepted for review on the state department's website before August 15 of the review period.

(d) The state department shall accept public comments on the certificate of need applications accepted for review through October 15 of the review period. **Public comments may be submitted to the state department by mail or electronic mail as specified on the state department's website.**

(e) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall issue any decision on an accepted certificate of need application not later than April 30 of the review period.

(f) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement a system for the submission of public comments under subsection (d).

SECTION 25. IC 16-38-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:



Chapter 7. State Trauma Registry

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "EMS data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base of fire and emergent run data maintained by the Indiana EMS program at the department of homeland security.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "National EMS Information System" means the national repository for EMS data maintained by the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital" means a hospital that is excluded from a prospective payment system under 42 CFR 412.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base maintained by the state department.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "trauma center" means a hospital that:

- (1) provides trauma care and has been verified as a trauma center by the American College of Surgeons;
- (2) has been designated a trauma center under a state designation system that is substantially equivalent to the American College of Surgeons verification process, as determined by the state department; or
- (3) has been deemed to be in the process of American College of Surgeons verification pursuant to 836 IAC 1-2.1.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "trauma data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base maintained by the trauma registry under this chapter.

Sec. 7. (a) The state department shall maintain a trauma registry to collect and analyze data that is necessary to evaluate the delivery of trauma care in Indiana.

(b) The data collected by the registry must allow the state department to identify and evaluate the following:

- (1) Frequency, type, severity, and outcome of trauma injuries.
- (2) Criteria used to establish triage protocols.
- (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of trauma care.
- (4) Other factors to consider in recommending, designing, or implementing the statewide trauma care delivery system, including:
 - (A) public education on trauma and injury prevention;

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- (B) access to trauma care;
- (C) prehospital availability; and
- (D) the cost of trauma care.

(c) Registry data must be linked between emergency medical services providers, health care facilities, and other agencies to assess the quality of the entire continuum of trauma care.

Sec. 8. The following shall submit data concerning trauma care to the state department for inclusion in the registry:

- (1) A hospital.
- (2) A trauma center.
- (3) A rehabilitation hospital.
- (4) An emergency medical services provider, both basic life support and advanced life support, that transports patients.
- (5) At the request of the state department, any state agency possessing data or information regarding trauma care.

Sec. 9. (a) Data submitted to the registry must include information that allows the state department to identify and evaluate the following:

- (1) Incidence, mechanism, type, severity, and outcome of traumatic injuries.
- (2) Criteria used to establish or refine triage and transport guidelines.
- (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of trauma care.

(b) Data submitted to and maintained by the registry must be in a format that:

- (1) protects the identity of specific patients to whom medical care has been rendered;**
- (2) identifies specific health care facilities by a code or other designation; and**
- (3) avoids or minimizes duplication of entries.**

Sec. 10. (a) An entity required to submit data under section 8 of this chapter shall submit data to the registry by direct data entry or by electronic data transfer using an .xml format and data scheme that is based on the trauma data dictionary.

(b) A hospital shall submit data to the registry using the criteria in the trauma data dictionary.

(c) A rehabilitation hospital shall submit data to the registry using the rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary.

(d) An emergency medical services provider shall submit data to the registry using the most current version of the National EMS



1 **Information System data elements and the criteria in the Indiana
2 EMS Data Dictionary.**

3 **Sec. 11. (a) A hospital, trauma center, and rehabilitation
4 hospital shall report data to the registry as follows:**

5 **(1) For a patient admitted to the facility between January 1
6 and March 31, not later than June 30.**

7 **(2) For a patient admitted to the facility between April 1 and
8 June 30, not later than September 30.**

9 **(3) For a patient admitted to the facility between July 1 and
10 September 30, not later than January 15 of the following
11 year.**

12 **(4) For a patient admitted to the facility between October 1
13 and December 31, not later than May 1 of the following year.**

14 **(b) Not later than the fifteenth day of each month in which an
15 incident occurred, an EMS provider shall report the data to the
16 state department.**

17 **Sec. 12. (a) The state department may remove a facility's
18 designation as a trauma center if the facility fails to submit data as
19 required under this chapter.**

20 **(b) The state department may deem a facility or EMS provider
21 that fails to submit data as required under this chapter ineligible
22 for state department programs, grants, or other sources of state
23 department funding.**

24 **Sec. 13. (a) Information in the trauma registry is confidential
25 and may be released in a statistical form that does not provide
26 personally identifiable information.**

27 **(b) Information in the trauma registry may be released in
28 accordance with IC 4-1-6-8.6.**

29 **SECTION 26. IC 16-41-7.5-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
30 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 12. (a) Before November 1 of each year, the state
31 department shall submit a report concerning syringe exchange
32 programs operated under this chapter to the governor and to the general
33 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

34 **(b) Before November 1, 2020, as part of the report to the general
35 assembly required under subsection (a), the state department shall
36 ensure the report includes the following additional information
37 concerning the program:**

38 **(1) The number of programs operating in Indiana;**

39 **(2) The data, compiled for each program, reported to the state
40 department under section 10 of this chapter;**

41 **(3) Any other information the state department deems relevant
42 to the general assembly in assessing the effectiveness of having**



1 a program in the state;

2 SECTION 27. IC 16-41-16-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter,**
 5 **"blood and blood products in liquid or semiliquid form"** means
 6 **blood and blood products that have intermediate fluid properties**
 7 **and are capable of flowing in a manner similar to a liquid.**

8 SECTION 28. IC 16-41-16-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter,**
 11 **"container"** means any portable device or material in which
 12 infectious waste is:

- 13 (1) stored;
- 14 (2) transported;
- 15 (3) treated;
- 16 (4) disposed of; or
- 17 (5) otherwise handled.

18 SECTION 29. IC 16-41-16-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this
 20 chapter, "effective treatment" means treatment that meets the following
 21 conditions:

22 (1) Reduces the pathogenic qualities of infectious waste to a
 23 point where the waste is safe to handle.
 24 (2) Is designed for the specific waste involved.
 25 (3) Is carried out in a manner consistent with rules adopted by
 26 the state department under section 8 of this chapter.

27 (b) The term includes the following:
 28 (1) Incineration.
 29 (2) Steam sterilization.
 30 (3) Chemical disinfection.
 31 (4) Thermal inactivation.
 32 (5) Irradiation.

33 **(6) Discharge in a sanitary sewer or septic system that is**
 34 **properly installed and operates in accordance with local and**
 35 **state laws.**

36 SECTION 30. IC 16-41-16-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter,**
 39 **"laboratory animal carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids,**
 40 **and bedding"** means carcasses, body parts, blood and blood
 41 products in liquid or semiliquid form, and bedding of animals that
 42 have been intentionally or are suspected of having been exposed to



1 **pathogens in:**
 2 **(1) research;**
 3 **(2) production of biologicals;**
 4 **(3) the in vivo testing of pharmaceuticals; or**
 5 **(4) other procedures.**

6 SECTION 31. IC 16-41-16-4.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.6. As used in this chapter,**
 9 **"mortuary" means a funeral home (as defined in IC 25-15-2-15).**

10 SECTION 32. IC 16-41-16-6.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 11 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.6. As used in this chapter,**
 13 **"waste handler" means a person who handles infectious waste.**

14 SECTION 33. IC 16-41-16-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.9. (a) A person who generates**
 17 **infectious waste is responsible for the:**

18 **(1) appropriate containment;**
 19 **(2) appropriate labeling;**
 20 **(3) effective treatment;**
 21 **(4) transport; and**
 22 **(5) disposal of;**

23 **infectious waste as required by this chapter.**

24 **(b) A person may provide services to the person who generates**
 25 **infectious waste, including the responsibilities described in**
 26 **subsection (a)(1) through (a)(5). A person described in this section**
 27 **shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.**

28 SECTION 34. IC 16-41-16-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 29 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. (a) Before infectious**
 30 **waste is placed in an area that is not a secure area and before the waste**
 31 **is sent for final disposal, all infectious waste must be a person shall:**

32 **(1) effectively treated conduct effective treatment on the**
 33 **infectious waste on site; or**
 34 **(2) transported transport the infectious waste off site for**
 35 **effective treatment;**

36 **according to rules adopted under section 8 of this chapter. this**
 37 **chapter.**

38 **(b) A facility shall treat liquid infectious waste or excreta that are**
 39 **infectious waste as required by subsection (a) or flush the liquid**
 40 **infectious waste or excreta that are infectious waste in compliance with**
 41 **rules adopted under IC 4-22-2.**

42 SECTION 35. IC 16-41-16-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.7. **(a)** A person shall ensure that
3 **infectious waste is, at all times, contained in a manner that will**
4 **reasonably protect:**

5 **(1) a waste handler; and**
6 **(2) the public;**

7 **from contracting a dangerous communicable disease that may**
8 **result from exposure to the infectious waste.**

9 **(b)** A person shall place a contaminated sharp or a
10 contaminated object that could potentially become a contaminated
11 sharp, infectious biological culture, infectious associated biological,
12 and infectious agent stock in a container that:

13 **(1) is leak proof, rigid, and puncture resistant;**
14 **(2) is tightly sealed to prevent expulsion;**
15 **(3) is labeled with the biohazard symbol; and**
16 **(4) undergoes effective treatment before being stored in an**
17 **unsecured area and sent for final disposal.**

18 **(c)** A person shall place pathological waste, laboratory animal
19 carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids, and bedding, blood
20 and blood products in liquid or semiliquid form, and human body
21 fluids that are visibly contaminated with blood, in a container that:

22 **(1) is impervious to moisture;**
23 **(2) is sufficiently strong and thick to prevent expulsion;**
24 **(3) is secured in a manner that prevents leakage or**
25 **expulsion;**
26 **(4) is labeled with the biohazard symbol; and**
27 **(5) undergoes effective treatment before being stored in an**
28 **unsecured area and sent for final disposal.**

29 SECTION 36. IC 16-41-16-7.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
30 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.8. **A person shall have written**
32 **policies and procedures that include at least the following:**

33 **(1) The requirements of this chapter.**
34 **(2) The sanctions for failing to comply with the requirements**
35 **of this chapter, including the discipline and dismissal of a**
36 **person.**
37 **(3) The instruction and materials concerning this chapter to**
38 **a person before the person is likely to be exposed to**
39 **infectious waste.**
40 **(4) Documentation concerning instruction provided under**
41 **subdivision (3).**
42 **(5) A procedure for providing records to the state**



4 SECTION 39. IC 16-41-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) A person shall:**

12 **(b) A person who transports infectious waste offsite shall do**
13 **the following:**

17 (A) The facility that generated the infectious waste.

20 (2) Provide a form that contains:

23 (B) a brief description of the:

24 (i) infectious waste; and
25 (ii) method of effective treatment of the infectious
26 waste; and
27 (C) the signature of the person responsible for

27 (C) the signature of the person responsible for
28 transporting the infectious waste.
29 SECTION 40. IC 16-41-16-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state
31 department may commence an action under IC 4-21.5-3-6 or
32 IC 4-21.5-4 for issuance of an order of compliance and a civil penalty
33 not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation per day
34 against a person who:

35 (1) fails to comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this
36 chapter; or

37 (2) interferes with or obstructs the state department or the state
38 department's designated agent in the performance of official
39 duties under this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

(b) The state department may commence an action against a facility licensed by the state department under either subsection (a) or the licensure statute for that facility, but the state department may not



1 bring an action arising out of one (1) incident under both statutes.

2 **(c) In determining the nature of a violation and the amount of**
 3 **a civil penalty under subsection (a), the state department shall**
 4 **consider the following factors:**

5 **(1) The potential harm or imminent threat to public health.**

6 **(2) The extent of a deviation from the requirements of this**
 7 **chapter.**

8 **(3) The degree of willfulness, recklessness, or negligence.**

9 **(4) Whether the person who committed the violation has**
 10 **previously failed to comply with the requirements of this**
 11 **chapter.**

12 **(5) Whether the person who committed the violation engaged**
 13 **in any of the following:**

14 **(A) Obstruction of the state department's duties under**
 15 **this chapter.**

16 **(B) Failure to cooperate with the state department.**

17 **(C) Fraudulent conduct.**

18 SECTION 41. IC 16-41-39.4-5, AS AMENDED BY
 19 P.L.147-2023, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The state
 21 department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, collect data
 22 under this chapter and before June 1 of each year, report the results to
 23 the general assembly for the previous calendar year. A copy of the
 24 report shall be transmitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to
 25 the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution
 26 to the members of the general assembly. make the data available on
 27 the state department's website.

28 (b) The report transmitted data made available under subsection
 29 (a) must include for each county the following information concerning
 30 children who are less than seven (7) years of age:

31 **(1) The number of children who received a blood lead test.**

32 **(2) The number of children who had a blood test result of at least**
 33 **ten (10) micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.**

34 **(3) The number of children identified under subdivision (2) who**
 35 **received a blood test to confirm that they had lead poisoning.**

36 **(4) The number of children identified under subdivision (3) who**
 37 **had lead poisoning.**

38 **(5) The number of children identified under subdivision (4) who**
 39 **had a blood test result of less than ten (10) micrograms of lead**
 40 **per deciliter of blood.**

41 **(6) The average number of days taken to confirm a blood lead**
 42 **test.**



4 (8) The number of housing units in which risk assessments
5 performed under subdivision (7) documented lead hazards as
6 defined by 40 CFR 745.

7 (9) The number of housing units identified under subdivision (8)
8 that were covered by orders issued under IC 13-14-10-2 or by
9 another governmental authority to eliminate lead hazards.

10 (10) The number of housing units identified under subdivision
11 (9) for which lead hazards have been eliminated within thirty
12 (30) days, three (3) months, and six (6) months.

13 SECTION 42. IC 16-41-39.4-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2022,
14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state department shall establish
16 guidance and standards for health care providers for screening children
17 in Indiana for lead poisoning. When developing the guidance and
18 standards, the state department shall consult with the American
19 Academy of Pediatrics.

20 (b) The state department shall make the guidance and standards
21 established under subsection (a) available on the state department's
22 **Internet web site; website.**

23 (e) This section expires December 31, 2026.

24 SECTION 43. IC 16-41-39.4-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.80-2022,
25 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) A health care provider who provides health
27 care services to a child who is less than six (6) years of age shall do the
28 following:

29 (1) Determine whether the child has had a blood lead screening
30 test.

31 (2) If the child has had a blood lead screening test, determine at
32 what age the child was tested and the results of the blood lead
33 screening test.

34 (3) If the child has not had a blood lead screening test and is:

(A) at least nine (9) months old; and

36 (B) less than seventy-two (72) months old;

offer a lead poisoning screening in accordance with guidance and standards established by the state department under section 10 of this chapter.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a parent or guardian to have their child receive a blood lead screening test.

42 (e) This section expires December 31, 2026.

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1 SECTION 44. IC 16-41-43-2.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2020,
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.3. (a) A pharmacist may, by standing order,
4 dispense ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine without examining the individual
5 to whom it may be administered if all of the following conditions are
6 met:

7 (1) The ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed to a person
8 who:
9 (A) presents a certificate of completion issued under section
10 2.5(c) of this chapter to the pharmacist before the
11 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed; and
12 (B) is an individual who is or may be in a position to assist
13 an individual who is at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis.

14 (2) The pharmacist provides instruction concerning how to
15 properly administer ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from the specific
16 device being dispensed at the time of the device's dispensing.

17 (3) The pharmacist instructs the individual receiving the
18 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to summon emergency medical
19 services either immediately before or immediately after
20 administering the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual
21 experiencing anaphylaxis.

22 (b) A person wishing to receive ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by
23 standing order must do the following:
24 (1) Successfully complete the course described in section 2.5(a)
25 of this chapter.
26 (2) Present a certificate of completion issued under section
27 2.5(c) of this chapter to a pharmacist at the time the
28 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is requested.
29 (c) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may administer
30 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that the person reasonably
31 believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.
32 (d) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may not be
33 considered to be practicing medicine without a license in violation of
34 IC 25-22.5-8-2 if the individual, acting in good faith:
35 (1) obtains ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from a pharmacist by
36 standing order;
37 (2) administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that
38 the person reasonably believes is experiencing anaphylaxis in a
39 manner that is consistent with:
40 (A) the training provided during the course described in
41 section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
42 (B) the instruction provided to the person by a pharmacist

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1 at the time the **auto-injectable** epinephrine was dispensed;
2 and

3 (3) attempts to summon emergency medical services either
4 immediately before or immediately after administering the
5 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.

6 (e) The state department shall ensure that a statewide standing
7 order for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in Indiana is
8 issued under this section. The state health commissioner may, as part
9 of the individual's official capacity, issue a statewide standing order
10 that may be used for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine
11 under this section. The immunity provided in IC 34-13-3-3 applies to
12 an individual described in this subsection.

13 SECTION 45. IC 16-41-43-2.5, AS AMENDED BY
14 P.L.171-2025, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The state
16 department shall approve courses concerning allergies and the
17 administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine that meet criteria
18 established by the state department.

19 (b) The state department shall do the following:

20 (1) Publish and maintain, on its website, the following:

21 (A) The criteria established by the state department under
22 subsection (a).

23 (B) A list of all approved courses.

24 (2) Prescribe the certification process for the course described in
25 subsection (a).

26 (3) Revoke the approval of a course if it does not comply with
27 the criteria specified by the state department.

28 (c) A person who successfully completes a certified course shall
29 receive a certificate of completion issued by the entity providing the
30 course.

34 (2) display the following information:

35 (A) The first and last name of the person.

36 (B) The first and last name of the course instructor.
37 (C) The name of the entity responsible for providing the

41 (E) Any other information required by the state department.

42 (e) The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to

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1 implement this section.

2 SECTION 46. IC 16-41-43-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,
 3 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) An entity may fill a prescription for
 5 auto-injectable epinephrine and store the auto-injectable epinephrine
 6 on the premises of the entity if a health care provider who is licensed
 7 in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of
 8 medication writes or electronically transmits the prescription for
 9 auto-injectable epinephrine for the entity.

10 (b) The entity shall store the auto-injectable epinephrine in a safe
 11 location in which only the entity's personnel or agents have access.

12 SECTION 47. IC 16-41-43-3.5, AS AMENDED BY
 13 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. ~~Injectable~~ Epinephrine that is
 15 filled and used in accordance with this chapter must have an expiration
 16 date of not less than twelve (12) months from the date that the
 17 pharmacy dispenses the ~~injectable~~ epinephrine to the entity or person,
 18 as applicable.

19 SECTION 48. IC 16-41-43-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.59-2015,
 20 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A nurse employed by an entity may
 22 administer auto-injectable epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this
 23 chapter to any of the following individuals if the individual is
 24 demonstrating signs or symptoms of life threatening anaphylaxis and
 25 the individual does not have epinephrine at the entity or the individual's
 26 prescription is not available:

27 (1) Employees or agents of the entity.
 28 (2) Visitors at the entity.

29 (b) An entity's employees and agents may administer
 30 auto-injectable epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this chapter if
 31 the following are met:

32 (1) The entity employee or agent has voluntarily received
 33 training in:
 34 (A) recognizing anaphylaxis; and
 35 (B) the proper administration of auto-injectable
 36 epinephrine;

37 by a health care provider who is licensed or certified in Indiana,
 38 for whom the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine is
 39 within the health care provider's scope of practice, who has
 40 received training in the administration of auto-injectable
 41 epinephrine, and who is knowledgeable in recognizing the
 42 symptoms of anaphylaxis and the administration of



1 **auto-injectable** epinephrine.

2 (2) The individual to whom the epinephrine is being
3 administered is:

4 (A) an employee or agent of the entity; or
5 (B) a visitor at the entity.

6 SECTION 49. IC 16-41-43-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,
7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A health care provider who is licensed in
9 Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of
10 medication may write or electronically transmit a prescription, drug
11 order, or protocol for **auto-injectable** epinephrine for the entity.

12 (b) A pharmacist licensed under IC 25-26 may dispense a valid
13 prescription, drug order, or protocol for **auto-injectable** epinephrine
14 issued in the name of an entity.

15 SECTION 50. IC 16-41-43-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2020,
16 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) This chapter does not apply to a person
18 who is eligible for immunity specified in one (1) or more of the
19 following sections:

20 (1) Section 6 of this chapter.
21 (2) IC 20-34-4.5-4.
22 (3) IC 21-44.5-2-6.

23 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person who meets all
24 of the following criteria is not liable for civil damages for any act or
25 omission related to the administration of **auto-injectable** epinephrine:

26 (1) The person has successfully completed a course described in
27 section 2.5(a) of this chapter before administering
28 **auto-injectable** epinephrine to a person.
29 (2) The person administered the **auto-injectable** epinephrine in
30 a manner that was consistent with:
31 (A) the training provided during the course described in
32 section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
33 (B) the instruction provided to the person by the pharmacist
34 at the time the **auto-injectable** epinephrine was dispensed to
35 the person.
36 (3) The person reasonably believed that the recipient of the
37 **auto-injectable** epinephrine was suffering from anaphylaxis at
38 the time the **auto-injectable** epinephrine was administered.
39 (c) A pharmacist who complies with section 2.3(a) of this chapter
40 is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of
41 **auto-injectable** epinephrine.
42 (d) The immunity described in subsection (b) or (c) does not apply



1 to any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and
 2 wanton misconduct.

3 SECTION 51. IC 16-41-43-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,
 4 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A nurse employed by an entity or an
 6 employee of the entity who administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in
 7 accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and with this chapter is
 8 not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of
 9 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or
 10 omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

11 (b) A licensed health care provider who:

12 (1) writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this
 13 chapter;

14 (2) transmits in an electronic format a prescription, drug order,
 15 or protocol for an electronically transmitted prescription under
 16 this chapter; or

17 (3) provides training to an entity's personnel under this chapter;
 18 is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of
 19 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter.

20 SECTION 52. IC 16-42-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A manufacturer,
 22 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or
 23 cosmetics who maintains a place of business in Indiana shall file with
 24 the state department, upon forms to be furnished by the state
 25 department, a written statement of the name and address of the owner,
 26 the character of the business, and the business address of each place of
 27 business in Indiana.

28 (b) A new place of business for the manufacture, processing,
 29 repacking, or wholesale distribution of food, drugs, or cosmetics may
 30 not be established in Indiana until the place of business has been
 31 registered as provided in this chapter.

32 (c) If ownership of a registered place of business changes, the new
 33 owner shall reregister the place of business before operating the same.

34 (d) **A manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale**
 35 **distributor registered under this section shall comply with the**
 36 **current good manufacturing practice, hazard analysis, and**
 37 **risk-based preventive controls for human food (21 CFR 117).**

38 (e) **The state department may terminate the registration of a**
 39 **registered manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale**
 40 **distributor of food, drugs, or cosmetics for a violation of this**
 41 **section. The state department's termination of a registration under**
 42 **this subsection is subject to IC 4-21.5.**



1 SECTION 53. IC 16-42-1-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.101-2018,
 2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. **(a)** For the purpose of enforcing IC 16-42-1
 4 through IC 16-42-4, the state health commissioner or the
 5 commissioner's authorized representative may do the following:

6 (1) Enter, at reasonable times, any produce farm, factory,
 7 warehouse, place of production, or establishment subject to
 8 IC 16-42-1 through IC 16-42-4 or enter any vehicle being used
 9 to transport or hold food, drugs, devices, or cosmetics.

10 (2) Inspect, at reasonable times, the produce farm, factory,
 11 warehouse, place of production, establishment, or vehicle and all
 12 pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished materials,
 13 containers, labeling, and advertisements.

14 (3) **Enter and inspect, at reasonable times, the premises of a**
 15 **manufacturer, processor, repackager, or wholesale**
 16 **distributor registered under section 6 of this chapter.**

17 (b) **A local health department may inspect a manufacturer,**
 18 **processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor that:**

19 (1) **is registered under section 6 of this chapter; and**

20 (2) **engages in less than twenty-five percent (25%) of**
 21 **wholesale business in gross annual food sales in Indiana.**

22 (c) **The state department may inspect a manufacturer,**
 23 **processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor described in**
 24 **subsection (b) to enforce this article or rules adopted by the state**
 25 **department.**

26 SECTION 54. IC 16-46-6-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 27 1, 2026]. Sec. 11. The council shall submit a report in an electronic
 28 format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly before November 1 of
 29 each year. The report must include the following:

30 (1) The findings and conclusions of the council.

31 (2) Recommendations of the council.

32 SECTION 55. IC 16-46-7-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.55-2019,
 33 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Before July 1, 2019, and on a biennial
 35 basis thereafter, the state department, with the assistance of:

36 (1) the Indiana minority health coalition;
 37 (2) health care providers that treat individuals with sickle cell
 38 disease;
 39 (3) individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; and
 40 (4) representatives of community based organizations that serve
 41 individuals with sickle cell disease;
 42 shall perform a study to determine the prevalence, impact, and needs



1 of individuals with sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait in Indiana.
 2 (b) The study must include the following:
 3 (1) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 4 diagnosed with sickle cell disease in Indiana.
 5 (2) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 6 diagnosed as sickle cell trait carriers in Indiana.
 7 (3) The availability and affordability of screening services in
 8 Indiana for sickle cell trait.
 9 (4) The location and capacity of the following for the treatment
 10 of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait carriers:
 11 (A) Treatment centers.
 12 (B) Clinics.
 13 (C) Community based social service organizations.
 14 (D) Medical specialists.
 15 (5) The unmet medical, psychological, and social needs
 16 encountered by individuals in Indiana with sickle cell disease.
 17 (6) The underserved areas of Indiana for the treatment of sickle
 18 cell disease.
 19 (7) Recommendations for actions to address any shortcomings
 20 in Indiana identified under this section.
 21 (c) The state department shall ~~transmit a study performed under
 22 this section in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general
 23 assembly. make information from a study performed under this
 24 section available on the state department's website.~~

25 SECTION 56. IC 16-49-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
 26 SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A local child fatality review
 28 team:

29 (1) shall review the death of a child whose death incident
 30 occurred in the area served by the local child fatality review
 31 team and may review the death of a child whose death occurred
 32 in the area served by the local child fatality review team if:
 33 (A) the death of the child is:
 34 (i) sudden;
 35 (ii) unexpected;
 36 (iii) unexplained; or
 37 (iv) assessed by the department of child services for
 38 alleged abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of
 39 the child; or
 40 (B) the coroner in the area where the death occurred
 41 determines that the cause of the death of the child is:
 42 (i) undetermined; or



(ii) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident; and
(2) may, at its discretion, review the near fatality of a child whose incident or injury occurred in the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(b) In conducting a child fatality review under subsection (a), the local child fatality review team may review all applicable records and information related to the death or near fatality of the child, including the following:

(1) Records held by the:

- (A) state department or local health department; and
- (B) department of child services.

(2) Medical records.

(3) Law enforcement records.

(4) Autopsy reports.

(5) Records of the coroner.

(6) Mental health reports.

(7) Emergency medical

reports.
(c) Except as otherwise provided under this article, information

(c) Except as otherwise provided under this article, information and records acquired by the local child fatality review team in the exercise of its duties under this chapter are confidential and exempt from disclosure.

(d) Records, information, documents, and reports acquired or produced by a local child fatality review team are not:

(1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or

(2) admissible as evidence;

in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the information was presented during proceedings before a local child fatality review team.

SECTION 57. IC 16-49-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023, SECTION 174, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Upon request by a local child fatality review team or the department of child services ombudsman established by IC 4-13-19-3, the statewide child fatality review committee shall assist a local child fatality review team or conduct a review of the death of a child that occurred in Indiana if:

(1) the death of the child is:

(A) sudden;

(B) unexpected;

(C) unexplained; or



1 in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is
 2 otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not
 3 immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the
 4 information was presented during proceedings before the statewide
 5 child fatality review committee.

6 SECTION 58. IC 16-49-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.31-2019,
 7 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before July 1 of each year, a local
 9 fetal-infant mortality review team shall submit a report to the state
 10 department that includes the following information:

11 (1) A summary of the data collected concerning the reviews
 12 conducted by the local fetal-infant mortality review team for the
 13 previous calendar year.

14 (2) Actions recommended by the local fetal-infant mortality
 15 review team to improve systems of care and community
 16 resources to reduce fetal deaths and infant deaths in the area
 17 served by the review team.

18 (3) Solutions proposed for any system inadequacies.

19 (b) The report described in subsection (a) may not contain
 20 identifying information relating to the deaths reviewed by the local
 21 fetal-infant mortality review team.

22 (c) Review data concerning a fetal death or an infant death is
 23 confidential and may not be released.

24 (d) The local fetal-infant mortality review team may provide the
 25 state department with data concerning the reviews of a death under this
 26 chapter, **including any records held or maintained by the local**
 27 **fetal-infant mortality review team.**

28 (e) **The state department shall maintain the confidentiality of**
 29 **any data received under subsection (d).**

30 SECTION 59. IC 16-49.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2020,
 31 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A SOFR team shall do the following:

33 (1) Identify similarities, trends, and factual patterns concerning
 34 suicides and overdose fatalities in the area served by the SOFR
 35 team.

36 (2) Identify reasons for any higher minority suicide and overdose
 37 fatality rate in the area served by the SOFR team.

38 (3) Create strategies and make recommendations for the
 39 prevention and reduction of suicides and overdose fatalities,
 40 including minority suicides and overdose fatalities, in the area
 41 served by the SOFR team.

42 (b) A SOFR team may do any of the following:



(4) Provide the state department with records held or maintained by the SOFR team.

11 SECTION 60. IC 16-50-1-9, AS AMENDED BY THE
12 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The statewide maternal mortality review
15 committee, **through the state department**, shall before July 1 of each
16 year, submit a report to the state department that includes **make**
17 **maternal mortality information available on the state department's**
18 **website, including** the following information:

19 (1) A summary of the data collected regarding the reviews
20 conducted by the statewide maternal mortality review
21 committee.
22 (2) Actions recommended by the statewide maternal mortality
23 review committee to improve systems of care and enhance
24 coordination to reduce maternal morbidity and maternal
25 mortality in Indiana.
26 (3) Legislative recommendations for consideration by the
27 general assembly.

34 SECTION 61. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section,**
37 **"medical school" means a postsecondary educational institution**
38 **that:**

39 **(1) operates in Indiana; and**
40 **(2) offers a health education program leading to a graduate**
41 **or postgraduate degree in medicine.**
42 **(b) Not later than July 1, 2030, a medical school shall do the**

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1 **following:**

2 **(1) Include nutrition education as part of the medical**
 3 **school's curriculum.**

4 **(2) Require a medical student to complete a rural health**
 5 **rotation.**

6 SECTION 62. IC 34-30-2.1-253, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 7 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 253. IC 16-41-43-2.3 (Concerning a statewide
 9 standing order issued by the state health commissioner for dispensing
 10 auto-injectable epinephrine).

11 SECTION 63. IC 34-30-2.1-254, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 12 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 254. IC 16-41-43-5.5 (Concerning the
 14 administration of auto-injectable epinephrine by laypersons and the
 15 dispensing of auto-injectable epinephrine by pharmacists).

16 SECTION 64. IC 34-30-2.1-255, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 17 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 255. IC 16-41-43-6 (Concerning nurses, an
 19 entity's personnel, and health care providers and the administration of
 20 auto-injectable epinephrine).

21 SECTION 65. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The following**
 22 **are void:**

23 **(1) 410 IAC 1-3.**
 24 **(2) 410 IAC 34.**

25 **The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and Indiana**
 26 **Register shall remove these rules from the Indiana Administrative**
 27 **Code.**

28 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**

29 SECTION 66. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

