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HOUSE BILL No. 1358

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM135803

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Home health. Allows a home health agency to continue to provide services to a Medicaid recipient and receive Medicaid reimbursement while the agency's Medicare enrollment application is pending if the agency submitted the application or initiated the enrollment process before April 1, 2026. Removes language that requires a home health aide competency evaluation program to include at least 75 hours of training and 16 hours of classroom training before supervised practical training.

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**
16 **other law, rule, or bulletin, a home health agency licensed under**
17 **IC 16-27-1 may continue to provide services to a Medicaid**

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1 recipient and receive Medicaid reimbursement for the services
 2 while the home health agency's application for Medicare
 3 enrollment is pending if the home health agency:

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

9 before April 1, 2026.

10 1 SECTION ~~↔~~[3]. IC 16-18-2-36.8 IS ADDED TO THE
 11 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 36.8. "**Blood and blood products**
 13 **in liquid or semiliquid form**", for purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the
 14 meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.5.

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

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

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

35 SECTION ~~↔~~[6]. IC 16-18-2-114.2 IS ADDED TO THE
 36 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [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
 41 P.L.147-2023, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 179. (a) "Hospital", except as



1 provided in subsections (b) through (g); (h), means a hospital that is
 2 licensed under IC 16-21-2.

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

9 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (5) Rural emergency hospitals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

39 (2) Long term acute care hospitals.

40 (3) Hospitals that do not provide emergency services.

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

(g) (h) "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-41-12, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-12-6.

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

16 SECTION ~~8~~⁹[9]. IC 16-18-2-211, AS AMENDED BY
17 P.L.235-2025, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 211. (a) "Local health department",
19 except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), **(b) through (e)**,
20 means a department organized by a county or city executive with a
21 board, a health officer, and an operational staff to provide health
22 services to a county, city, or multiple county unit.

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

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

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

34 the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16.4-16-4.1.
35 SECTION ~~9~~10. IC 16-18-2-240.1 IS ADDED TO THE
36 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 240.1. "Mortuary", for purposes
38 of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-4.6.

39 SECTION 1~~↔~~[1]. IC 16-18-2-244.6 IS ADDED TO THE
40 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 244.6. "National EMS
42 Information System", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning

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1 **set forth in IC 16-38-7-2.**

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

7 SECTION 1~~↔~~[3]. IC 16-18-2-313.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 8 INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.5. "Rehabilitation hospital**
 10 **registry data dictionary"** **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the**
 11 **meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-4.**

12 SECTION 1~~↔~~[4]. IC 16-18-2-338.3, AS AMENDED BY
 13 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 338.3. (a) "Standing order", for
 15 purposes of IC 16-31 and IC 16-42-27, means:

16 (1) a written order; or

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

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

23 (1) a written order; or

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

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

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

38 SECTION 1~~↔~~[7]. IC 16-18-2-370.6 IS ADDED TO THE
 39 INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 370.6. "Waste handler"**, **for**
 41 **purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in**
 42 **IC 16-41-16-6.6.**

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

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

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

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

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

28 (1) The purpose of the order.

29 (2) The eligible recipients.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

14 SECTION ~~18~~¹⁹ [9]. IC 16-20-1-23.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 15 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 23.5. A local health department,
 17 including the health and hospital corporation created under
 18 IC 16-22-8, may conduct an inspection permitted under
 19 IC 16-42-1-13(b).**

20 SECTION ~~19~~¹⁹ [20]. IC 16-21-2-12.5, AS ADDED BY
 21 P.L.171-2025, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12.5. (a) Except as provided in
 23 subsections (d) and (e), in regulating the licensure of hospitals and
 24 ambulatory outpatient surgical centers under this article, the state
 25 department shall use the following for purposes of enforcement:

26 (1) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
 27 Institute (FGI) Guidelines for Design and Construction of
 28 Hospitals, planning codes, except to the extent the guidelines
 29 codes conflict with subdivision (3) or (4). (2) or (3).
 30 (2) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
 31 Institute (FGI) Guidelines for Design and Construction of
 32 Outpatient Facilities, except to the extent the guidelines conflict
 33 with subdivision (3) or (4).
 34 (3) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101,
 35 Life Safety Code Handbook and Tentative Interim Amendments
 36 (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and
 37 Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the Conditions of
 38 Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.
 39 (4) (3) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99,
 40 Health Care Facilities Code Handbook and Tentative Interim
 41 Amendments (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for
 42 Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the



1 Conditions of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (e) The following are void:

30 (1) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(1).
31 (2) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(3).
32 (3) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(A).
33 (4) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(C).

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

36 SECTION 2~~0~~¹¹. IC 16-21-6-3, AS AMENDED BY
37 P.L.216-2025, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Each hospital
39 shall file with the state department a report for the preceding fiscal year
40 **within one hundred twenty (120) days after not later than October 1**
41 **of the year following** the end of the hospital's fiscal year. For the filing
42 of a report, the state department may grant an extension of the time to



1 file the report if the hospital shows good cause for the extension. The
2 report must contain the following:

3 (1) A copy of the hospital's balance sheet, including a statement
4 describing the hospital's total assets and total liabilities.
5 (2) A copy of the hospital's income statement.
6 (3) A statement of changes in financial position.
7 (4) A statement of changes in fund balance.
8 (5) Accountant notes pertaining to the report.
9 (6) A copy of the hospital's report required to be filed annually
10 under 42 U.S.C. 1395g, and other appropriate utilization and
11 financial reports required to be filed under federal statutory law.
12 (7) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims,
13 including providing the information as follows:
14 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
15 for inpatient services for:
16 (i) Medicare;
17 (ii) Medicaid;
18 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services
19 provided to patients participating in a fully-funded
20 health insurance plan or a self-funded health insurance
21 plan;
22 (iv) self-pay; and
23 (v) any other category of payer.
24 (B) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims
25 for outpatient services for:
26 (i) Medicare;
27 (ii) Medicaid;
28 (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient
29 services provided to patients participating in a
30 fully-funded health insurance plan or a self-funded
31 health insurance plan;
32 (iv) self-pay; and
33 (v) any other category of payer.
34 (C) The total net patient revenue and total number of paid
35 claims for:
36 (i) Medicare;
37 (ii) Medicaid;
38 (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net
39 patient revenue for services provided to patients
40 participating in a fully-funded health insurance plan or
41 a self-funded health insurance plan;
42 (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.

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

- (i) Medicare;
- (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.

(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:

- (i) Medicare;
- (ii) Medicaid;
- (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services from professional 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 professional fees for:

- (i) Medicare;
- (ii) Medicaid;
- (iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services from professional 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.

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

- (i) Medicare;
- (ii) Medicaid;
- (iii) commercial insurance, including the total net patient revenue from professional 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.

(10) A statement including:

- (A) Medicare gross revenue;
- (B) Medicaid gross revenue;
- (C) other revenue from state programs;
- (D) revenue from local government programs;
- (E) local tax support;
- (F) charitable contributions;
- (G) other third party payments;
- (H) gross inpatient revenue;
- (I) gross outpatient revenue;
- (J) contractual allowance;
- (K) any other deductions from revenue;
- (L) charity care provided;
- (M) itemization of bad debt expense; and
- (N) an estimation of the unreimbursed cost of subsidized health services.

(11) A statement itemizing donations.

(12) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and

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1 unreimbursed research.

2 (13) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and

3 unreimbursed education separated into the following categories:

4 (A) Education of physicians, nurses, technicians, and other

5 medical professionals and health care providers.

6 (B) Scholarships and funding to medical schools, and other

7 postsecondary educational institutions for health

8 professions education.

9 (C) Education of patients concerning diseases and home

10 care in response to community needs.

11 (D) Community health education through informational

12 programs, publications, and outreach activities in response

13 to community needs.

14 (E) Other educational services resulting in education related

15 costs.

16 (14) The name of each person or entity that has:

17 (A) either:

18 (i) an ownership interest of at least five percent (5%);

19 or

20 (ii) if the person is a practitioner of the hospital, any

21 ownership interest;

22 (B) a controlling interest; or

23 (C) an interest as a private equity partner;

24 in the hospital.

25 (15) The business address of each person or entity identified

26 under subdivision (14). The business address must include a:

27 (A) building number;

28 (B) street name;

29 (C) city name;

30 (D) ZIP code; and

31 (E) country name.

32 The business address may not include a post office box number.

33 (16) The business website, if applicable, of each person or entity

34 identified under subdivision (14).

35 (17) Any of the following identification numbers, if applicable,

36 for a person or entity identified under subdivision (14):

37 (A) National provider identifier (NPI).

38 (B) Taxpayer identification number (TIN).

39 (C) Employer identification number (EIN).

40 (D) CMS certification number (CCN).

41 (E) National Association of Insurance Commissioners

42 (NAIC) identification number.



1 (F) A personal identification number associated with a
 2 license issued by the department of insurance.

3 A hospital may not include the Social Security number of any
 4 individual.

5 (18) The ownership stake of each person or entity identified
 6 under subdivision (14).

7 (b) The information in the report filed under subsection (a) must
 8 be provided from reports or audits certified by an independent certified
 9 public accountant or by the state board of accounts.

10 (c) A hospital that fails to file the report required under subsection
 11 (a) by the date required shall pay to the state department a fine of ten
 12 thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for which the report is past due. A
 13 fine under this subsection shall be deposited into the payer affordability
 14 penalty fund established by IC 12-15-1-18.5.

15 SECTION 2~~↔[2]~~. IC 16-21-6-6, AS AMENDED BY
 16 P.L.156-2011, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. In addition to the
 18 report filed under section 3 of this chapter, each hospital shall, ~~not~~
 19 ~~more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each~~
 20 ~~calendar quarter, not later than October 1 of the year following the~~
 21 ~~end of the hospital's fiscal year,~~Lfile with the state department, or
 22 the state department's designated contractor, inpatient and outpatient
 23 discharge information at the patient level, in a format prescribed by the
 24 state health commissioner, including the following:

25 (1) The patient's:

26 (A) length of stay;

27 (B) diagnoses and surgical procedures performed during the
 28 patient's stay;

29 (C) date of:

30 (i) admission;

31 (ii) discharge; and

32 (iii) birth;

33 (D) type of admission;

34 (E) admission source;

35 (F) gender;

36 (G) race;

37 (H) discharge disposition; and

38 (I) payor, including:

39 (i) Medicare;

40 (ii) Medicaid;

41 (iii) a local government program;

42 (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.

1 SECTION 2-~~2~~4. 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 2~~5~~5. IC 16-38-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 32 **(1) Frequency, type, severity, and outcome of trauma**
 33 **injuries.**
- 34 **(2) Criteria used to establish triage protocols.**
- 35 **(3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions**
 36 **of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of**
 37 **trauma care.**
- 38 **(4) Other factors to consider in recommending, designing, or**
 39 **implementing the statewide trauma care delivery system,**
 40 **including:**
- 41 **(A) public education on trauma and injury prevention;**
- 42 **(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 Information System data elements and the criteria in the Indiana



1 **EMS Data Dictionary.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 **SECTION 2~~↔~~[6]. IC 16-41-7.5-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE**
 29 **JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 12. (a) Before November 1 of each year, the state**
 30 **department shall submit a report concerning syringe exchange**
 31 **programs operated under this chapter to the governor and to the general**
 32 **assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

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

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

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

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



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

7 SECTION 2~~6~~⁸. IC 16-41-16-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE
 8 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter,**
 10 **"container" means any portable device or material in which**
 11 **infectious waste is:**

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

17 SECTION 2~~7~~⁹. IC 16-41-16-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this
 19 chapter, "effective treatment" means treatment that meets the following
 20 conditions:

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

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

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

35 SECTION ~~28~~³⁰. IC 16-41-16-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 36 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter,**
 38 **"laboratory animal carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids,**
 39 **and bedding"** means carcasses, body parts, blood and blood
 40 products in liquid or semiliquid form, and bedding of animals that
 41 have been intentionally or are suspected of having been exposed to
 42 pathogens in:



5 SECTION ~~29~~[31]. IC 16-41-16-4.6 IS ADDED TO THE
6 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.6. As used in this chapter,
8 "mortuary" means a funeral home (as defined in IC 25-15-2-15).

9 SECTION 3~~↔~~[2]. IC 16-41-16-6.6 IS ADDED TO THE
10 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.6. As used in this chapter,**
12 **"waste handler"** means a person who handles infectious waste.

13 SECTION 3~~3~~[3]. IC 16-41-16-6.9 IS ADDED TO THE
14 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 6.9. (a) A person who generates**
16 **infectious waste is responsible for the:**

22 infectious waste as required by this chapter.

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

27 SECTION 3 ~~4~~ [4]. IC 16-41-16-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Before infectious
29 waste is placed in an area that is not a secure area and before the waste
30 is sent for final disposal, ~~all infectious waste must be~~ **a person shall**:

31 (1) effectively treated conduct effective treatment on the
32 infectious waste on site; or

33 (2) transported **transport** the infectious waste off site for
34 effective treatment;

35 according to rules adopted under section 8 of this chapter: this
36 chapter.

41 SECTION 3~~3~~5. IC 16-41-16-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE
42 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.7. (a) A person shall ensure that
 2 infectious waste is, at all times, contained in a manner that will
 3 reasonably protect:

- 4 (1) a waste handler; and
- 5 (2) the public;

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

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

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

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

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

28 SECTION 3~~4~~⁵ [6]. IC 16-41-16-7.8 IS ADDED TO THE
 29 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.8. A person shall have written
 31 policies and procedures that include at least the following:

- 32 (1) The requirements of this chapter.
- 33 (2) The sanctions for failing to comply with the requirements
 34 of this chapter, including the discipline and dismissal of a
 35 person.
- 36 (3) The instruction and materials concerning this chapter to
 37 a person before the person is likely to be exposed to
 38 infectious waste.
- 39 (4) Documentation concerning instruction provided under
 40 subdivision (3).
- 41 (5) A procedure for providing records to the state
 42 department for inspection under section 9 of this chapter.



1 SECTION 3~~↔~~^[7] IC 16-41-16-7.9 IS ADDED TO THE
 2 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.9. (a) If infectious waste is
 4 stored before final disposal, a person shall do the following:

5 (1) Store the infectious waste in a secure area that:
 6 (A) is locked or otherwise secured to eliminate access by
 7 or exposure to the public;
 8 (B) affords protection from adverse environmental
 9 conditions and vermin; and
 10 (C) prominently displays a biohazard symbol.

11 (2) Store the infectious waste in manner that:
 12 (A) preserves the integrity of the container in which the
 13 infectious waste is stored; and
 14 (B) is not conducive to rapid microbial growth and
 15 putrefaction.

16 (3) Except as provided in subsection (b), disinfect a reusable
 17 container for infectious waste each time the container is
 18 emptied.

19 (b) A person is not required to disinfect a reusable container
 20 under subsection (a)(3) if the reusable container was protected
 21 from contamination by a disposable liner, bag, or other device that
 22 was removed with the infectious waste.

23 SECTION 3~~↔~~^[8] IC 16-41-16-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) After consulting
 25 with an advisory committee composed of representatives of persons or
 26 facilities that handle infectious wastes, the state department shall~~may~~^[1]
 27 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.

28 (b) The state department shall~~may~~^[1] adopt rules under this section
 29 after considering the guidelines of the following:

30 (1) United States Environmental Protection Agency.
 31 (2) United States Centers for Disease Control.
 32 (3) United States Occupational Safety and Health
 33 Administration.
 34 (4) State department of labor.
 35 (5) State department of environmental management.

36 (c) The state department shall adopt rules under this section that
 37 establish an alternative to 410 IAC 1-3-28 to allow a person or facility
 38 that transports infectious waste offsite to label each container of
 39 infectious waste in a manner that:

40 (1) does not specifically identify the generating facility or
 41 treatment facility; and
 42 (2) ensures that the identity of the generating facility or



1 treatment facility may be readily obtained based on the label
 2 information.

3 SECTION 3~~7~~9. IC 16-41-16-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 4 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8.5. (a) A person shall:

- 6 (1) **transport infectious waste in a manner that reasonably**
 7 **protects waste handlers and the public from contracting a**
 8 **dangerous communicable disease; and**
- 9 (2) **before the infectious waste is compacted, conduct**
 10 **effective treatment of the infectious waste.**

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

13 (1) Label the container of infectious waste with the name,
 14 address, and telephone number of the following facilities, if
 15 applicable:

- 16 (A) The facility that generated the infectious waste.
- 17 (B) The facility that treated or will treat the infectious
 18 waste.

19 (2) Provide a form that contains:

- 20 (A) the information for each facility described in
 21 subdivision (1);
- 22 (B) a brief description of the:
 - 23 (i) infectious waste; and
 - 24 (ii) method of effective treatment of the infectious
 25 waste; and
- 26 (C) the signature of the person responsible for
 27 transporting the infectious waste.

28 SECTION ~~38~~40. IC 16-41-16-10 IS AMENDED TO READ
 29 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state
 30 department may commence an action under IC 4-21.5-3-6 or
 31 IC 4-21.5-4 for issuance of an order of compliance and a civil penalty
 32 not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation per day
 33 against a person who:

- 34 (1) fails to comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this
 35 chapter; or
- 36 (2) interferes with or obstructs the state department or the state
 37 department's designated agent in the performance of official
 38 duties under this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

39 (b) The state department may commence an action against a
 40 facility licensed by the state department under either subsection (a) or
 41 the licensure statute for that facility, but the state department may not
 42 bring an action arising out of one (1) incident under both statutes.

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1 identified under subdivision (4) and the average number of days
 2 taken to perform the risk assessment.

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

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

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

12 SECTION 4~~↔~~[2]. IC 16-41-39.4-10, AS ADDED BY
 13 P.L.80-2022, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) The state department shall
 15 establish guidance and standards for health care providers for screening
 16 children in Indiana for lead poisoning. When developing the guidance
 17 and standards, the state department shall consult with the American
 18 Academy of Pediatrics.

19 (b) The state department shall make the guidance and standards
 20 established under subsection (a) available on the state department's [
 21 [Internet web site: website](#).]

22 (c) ~~This section expires December 31, 2026.~~

23 SECTION 4~~↔~~[3]. IC 16-41-39.4-11, AS ADDED BY
 24 P.L.80-2022, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) A health care provider who
 26 provides health care services to a child who is less than six (6) years of
 27 age shall do the following:

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

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

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

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

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

36 offer a lead poisoning screening in accordance with guidance
 37 and standards established by the state department under section
 38 10 of this chapter.

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

41 (c) ~~This section expires December 31, 2026.~~

42 SECTION 4~~↔~~[4]. IC 16-41-43-2.3, AS ADDED BY



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

6 (1) The ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed to a person
 7 who:

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

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

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

21 (b) A person wishing to receive ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by
 22 standing order must do the following:

23 (1) Successfully complete the course described in section 2.5(a)
 24 of this chapter.

25 (2) Present a certificate of completion issued under section
 26 2.5(c) of this chapter to a pharmacist at the time the
 27 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is requested.

28 (c) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may administer [
 29 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that the person reasonably
 30 believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.

31 (d) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may not be
 32 considered to be practicing medicine without a license in violation of
 33 IC 25-22.5-8-2 if the individual, acting in good faith:

34 (1) obtains ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from a pharmacist by
 35 standing order;

36 (2) administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that
 37 the person reasonably believes is experiencing anaphylaxis in a
 38 manner that is consistent with:

39 (A) the training provided during the course described in
 40 section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
 41 (B) the instruction provided to the person by a pharmacist
 42 at the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was dispensed;



1 and

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

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

12 SECTION 4~~3~~[5]. IC 16-41-43-2.5, AS AMENDED BY
 13 P.L.171-2025, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The state
 15 department shall approve courses concerning allergies and the
 16 administration of auto-injectable epinephrine that meet criteria
 17 established by the state department.

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

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

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

22 (B) A list of all approved courses.

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

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

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

30 (d) A certificate of completion issued under subsection (c) must:

31 (1) have dimensions that permit the certificate of completion to
 32 be carried in a wallet; and

33 (2) display the following information:

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

35 (B) The first and last name of the course instructor.

36 (C) The name of the entity responsible for providing the
 37 course, if applicable.

38 (D) The date the course described in subsection (a) was
 39 completed.

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

41 (e) The state department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
 42 implement this section.



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

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

11 SECTION 4~~5~~⁷ IC 16-41-43-3.5, AS AMENDED BY
 12 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. ~~Injectable~~ Epinephrine that is
 14 filled and used in accordance with this chapter must have an expiration
 15 date of not less than twelve (12) months from the date that the
 16 pharmacy dispenses the~~u~~injectable epinephrine to the entity or person,
 17 as applicable.

18 SECTION 4~~6~~⁸ IC 16-41-43-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.59-2015,
 19 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A nurse employed by an entity may
 21 administer~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this
 22 chapter to any of the following individuals if the individual is
 23 demonstrating signs or symptoms of life threatening anaphylaxis and
 24 the individual does not have epinephrine at the entity or the individual's
 25 prescription is not available:

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

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

31 (1) The entity employee or agent has voluntarily received
 32 training in:

33 (A) recognizing anaphylaxis; and
 34 (B) the proper administration of ~~auto-injectable~~
 35 epinephrine;

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



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

5 SECTION 4~~9~~9. IC 16-41-43-5, AS AMENDED BY
6 P.L.28-2019, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A health care provider who
8 is licensed in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the
9 prescribing of medication may write or electronically transmit a
10 prescription, drug order, or protocol for ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine for
11 the entity.

15 SECTION ~~48~~[50]. IC 16-41-43-5.5, AS ADDED BY
16 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. (a) This chapter does not apply
18 to a person who is eligible for immunity specified in one (1) or more of
19 the 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 dispensed to

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 I
41 auto-injectable epinephrine.

(d) The immunity described in subsection (b) or (c) does not apply.

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

3 SECTION ~~49~~[51]. IC 16-41-43-6, AS AMENDED BY
 4 P.L.28-2019, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A nurse employed by an
 6 entity or an employee of the entity who administers ~~auto-injectable~~
 7 epinephrine in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and with
 8 this chapter is not liable for civil damages resulting from the
 9 administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter
 10 unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or
 11 wanton misconduct.

12 (b) A licensed health care provider who:

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

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

21 SECTION 5~~49~~[2]. IC 16-42-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A manufacturer,
 23 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or
 24 cosmetics who maintains a place of business in Indiana shall file with
 25 the state department, upon forms to be furnished by the state
 26 department, a written statement of the name and address of the owner,
 27 the character of the business, and the business address of each place of
 28 business in Indiana.

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

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

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

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



1 **this subsection is subject to IC 4-21.5.**

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

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

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

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

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

20 **(1) is registered under section 6 of this chapter; and
 21 (2) engages in less than twenty-five percent (25%) of
 22 wholesale business in gross annual food sales in Indiana.**

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

27 SECTION 5~~↔[4]~~ IC 16-46-6-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 11. The council shall submit a report in an
 29 electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly before
 30 November 1 of each year. The report must include the following:

31 **(1) The findings and conclusions of the council.
 32 (2) Recommendations of the council.**

33 SECTION 5~~↔[5]~~ IC 16-46-7-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.55-2019,
 34 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Before July 1, 2019, and on a biennial
 36 basis thereafter, the state department, with the assistance of:

37 **(1) the Indiana minority health coalition;
 38 (2) health care providers that treat individuals with sickle cell
 39 disease;
 40 (3) individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; and
 41 (4) representatives of community based organizations that serve
 42 individuals with sickle cell disease;**



1 shall perform a study to determine the prevalence, impact, and needs
 2 of individuals with sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait in Indiana.

3 (b) The study must include the following:

4 (1) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 5 diagnosed with sickle cell disease in Indiana.

6 (2) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 7 diagnosed as sickle cell trait carriers in Indiana.

8 (3) The availability and affordability of screening services in
 9 Indiana for sickle cell trait.

10 (4) The location and capacity of the following for the treatment
 11 of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait carriers:

12 (A) Treatment centers.

13 (B) Clinics.

14 (C) Community based social service organizations.

15 (D) Medical specialists.

16 (5) The unmet medical, psychological, and social needs
 17 encountered by individuals in Indiana with sickle cell disease.

18 (6) The underserved areas of Indiana for the treatment of sickle
 19 cell disease.

20 (7) Recommendations for actions to address any shortcomings
 21 in Indiana identified under this section.

22 (c) The state department shall ~~transmit a study performed under~~
 23 ~~this section in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general~~
 24 ~~assembly. make information from a study performed under this~~
 25 ~~section available on the state department's website.~~

26 SECTION 5~~4~~6. IC 16-49-3-3, AS AMENDED BY
 27 P.L.56-2023, SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A local child
 29 fatality review team:

30 (1) shall review the death of a child whose death incident
 31 occurred in the area served by the local child fatality review
 32 team and may review the death of a child whose death occurred
 33 in the area served by the local child fatality review team if:

34 (A) the death of the child is:

35 (i) sudden;

36 (ii) unexpected;

37 (iii) unexplained; or

38 (iv) assessed by the department of child services for
 39 alleged abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of
 40 the child; or

41 (B) the coroner in the area where the death occurred
 42 determines that the cause of the death of the child is:



(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

- (4) Autopsy reports.
- (5) Records of the coroner

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(6) Mental health reports

(7) Emergency medical

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(a) 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

- (1) subject to subpoena or
- (2) admissible as evidence;

(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 5-~~5~~7. 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:

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(B) unexpected.

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- (C) unexplained; or
- (D) assessed by the department of child services for alleged abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of the child; or the coroner in the area in which the child's death occurred determines that the cause of the death of the child is:
 - (A) undetermined; or
 - (B) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident.

(b) In conducting a child fatality review under subsection (a), the statewide child fatality review committee may review all applicable records and information related to the death 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 services and fire department run reports.

(c) Subject to IC 34-30-15, if the statewide child fatality review committee requests records from a hospital, physician, coroner, law enforcement officer, or mental health professional regarding a death that the statewide child fatality review committee is investigating, the hospital, physician, coroner, law enforcement officer, or mental health professional shall provide the requested records to the statewide child fatality review committee.

(d) A person who provides records in accordance with subsection

(c) in good faith is not subject to liability in:

- (1) a civil;
- (2) an administrative;
- (3) a disciplinary; or
- (4) a criminal;

action that might otherwise be imposed as a result of such disclosure.

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

(f) Records, information, documents, and reports acquired or produced by the statewide child fatality review committee are not:

(1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or

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

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

19 (3) Solutions proposed for any system inadequacies.

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

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

31 SECTION 5~~↔~~[9]. IC 16-49.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY
32 P.L.112-2020, SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A SOFR team
34 shall do the following:

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

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

39
40 (3) Create strategies and make recommendations for the
41 prevention and reduction of suicides and overdose fatalities

41 prevention and reduction of suicides and overdose fatalities,
42 including minority suicides and overdose fatalities, in the area



served by the SOFR team.

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

(1) Determine factors contributing to suicides and overdose fatalities.

(2) Identify public health and clinical interventions to improve systems of care and enhance coordination.

(3) Develop strategies for the prevention of suicides and overdose fatalities.

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

(c) The state department shall maintain the confidentiality of any data received under subsection (b).

SECTION ~~58~~[60]. IC 16-50-1-9, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The statewide maternal mortality review committee, **through the state department**, shall before July 1 of each year, submit a report to the state department that includes **make maternal mortality information available on the state department's website, including** the following information:

(1) A summary of the data collected regarding the reviews conducted by the statewide maternal mortality review committee.

(2) Actions recommended by the statewide maternal mortality review committee to improve systems of care and enhance coordination to reduce maternal morbidity and maternal mortality in Indiana.

(3) Legislative recommendations for consideration by the general assembly.

(b) A report released **Information made available** under this section must not contain identifying information relating to the deaths reviewed by the statewide maternal mortality review committee.

(c) The state department shall make a report prepared under this section available to public inspection and post the report on the state department's website.

SECTION ~~59~~[61]. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section, "medical school" means a postsecondary educational institution that:

(1) operates in Indiana; and

(2) offers a health education program leading to a graduate

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or postgraduate degree in medicine.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2030, a medical school shall do the following:

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

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

SECTION 6-~~2~~2. IC 34-30-2.1-253, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 253. IC 16-41-43-2.3 (Concerning a statewide standing order issued by the state health commissioner for dispensing ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine).

SECTION 6~~3~~3. IC 34-30-2.1-254, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 254. IC 16-41-43-5.5 (Concerning the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by laypersons and the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine by pharmacists).

SECTION 6-~~2~~4. IC 34-30-2.1-255, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 255. IC 16-41-43-6 (Concerning nurses, an entity's personnel, and health care providers and the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine).

SECTION 6~~5~~⁵. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) The following are void:

- (1) 410 IAC 1-3.
- (2) 410 IAC 34.

The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and Indiana Register shall remove these rules from the Indiana Administrative Code.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.

SECTION 66. An emergency is declared for this act.

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