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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 16-18-2-36.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 36.8. "Blood and blood products**

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1 **in liquid or semiliquid form", for purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the**
 2 **meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.5.**

3 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-69.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 69.1. "Container", for purposes**
 6 **of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-1.6.**

7 SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-110, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2025,
 8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 110. "Emergency medical services", for purposes
 10 of IC 16-31 **and IC 16-38-7**, means an integrated medical care delivery
 11 system in which emergency medical responders, emergency medical
 12 technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics
 13 provide emergency and nonemergency medical care to protect against
 14 the loss of life or aggravation of illness or injury:

15 (1) during an emergency response;
 16 (2) while transporting a patient in a ground or air ambulance
 17 outside of a hospital, a health care facility, a mental health
 18 facility, or an urgent care facility (as defined in IC 16-24.5-1-1);
 19 or
 20 (3) as part of a mobile integrated healthcare program described
 21 in IC 16-31-12.

22 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-114.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 114.2. "EMS data dictionary",**
 25 **for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in**
 26 **IC 16-38-7-1.**

27 SECTION 6. IC 16-18-2-179, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2023,
 28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 179. (a) "Hospital", except as provided in
 30 subsections (b) through (g), means a hospital that is licensed under
 31 IC 16-21-2.

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

38 (1) Freestanding health facilities.
 39 (2) Hospitals or institutions specifically intended to diagnose,
 40 care, and treat the following:
 41 (A) Individuals with a mental illness (as defined in
 42 IC 12-7-2-117.6).

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

16 (1) is required to be licensed under IC 16-21-2; or
17 (2) is operated by an agency of the United States.

25 (1) Freestanding health facilities.

26 (2) Long term acute care hospitals.

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

30 (A) Individuals with a mental illness.

31 **(B) Individuals with developmental disabilities.**

36 (7) Rehabilitation facilities.

39 SECTION 7. IC 16-18-2-198.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
40 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 198.1. "Laboratory animal**
42 **carcasses, body parts, blood and body fluids, and bedding", for**

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1 purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in
 2 **IC 16-41-16-4.5.**

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

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

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

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

17 (e) (d) "Local health department", for purposes of IC 16-42-5.1,
 18 has the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-5.1-1. This subsection expires
 19 January 1, 2027.

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

22 SECTION 9. IC 16-18-2-240.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 240.1. "Mortuary", for purposes
 25 of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-16-4.6.**

26 SECTION 10. IC 16-18-2-244.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 244.6. "National EMS
 29 Information System", for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning
 30 set forth in IC 16-38-7-2.**

31 SECTION 11. IC 16-18-2-313.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 313.4. "Rehabilitation hospital",
 34 for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in
 35 IC 16-38-7-3.**

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

41 SECTION 13. IC 16-18-2-338.3, AS AMENDED BY
 42 P.L.114-2020, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 338.3. (a) "Standing order", for
2 purposes of IC 16-31 and IC 16-42-27, means:

3 (1) a written order; or

4 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;

5 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the
6 distribution and administration of an overdose intervention drug,
7 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure
8 timely access to treatment.

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

10 (1) a written order; or

11 (2) an order transmitted by other means of communication;

12 that is prepared by a person authorized to write a prescription for the
13 distribution and administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine,
14 including any actions and interventions to be used in order to ensure
15 timely access to treatment.

16 SECTION 14. IC 16-18-2-354.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.6. "Trauma center", for
19 purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-38-7-5.**

20 SECTION 15. IC 16-18-2-354.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 354.9. "Trauma data dictionary",
23 for purposes of IC 16-38-7, has the meaning set forth in
24 IC 16-38-7-6.**

25 SECTION 16. IC 16-18-2-370.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
26 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 370.6. "Waste handler", for
28 purposes of IC 16-41-16, has the meaning set forth in
29 IC 16-41-16-6.6.**

30 SECTION 17. IC 16-19-3-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2015,
31 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 30. (a) The state department may establish a
33 nonprofit subsidiary corporation that is exempt from federal income
34 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to
35 solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises,
36 and contributions.

37 (b) A subsidiary corporation established under this section:

38 (1) shall use money received under subsection (a) to carry out in
39 any manner the purposes and programs of the state department,
40 which may include programs intended to:

41 (A) reduce infant mortality;

42 (B) increase childhood immunizations;

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(C) reduce obesity; and
(D) reduce smoking rates; and
(E) enhance health care resources and infrastructure for veterans;

(2) shall report to the budget committee each year concerning:
(A) the use of money received under subsection (a); and
(B) the balances in any accounts or funds established by the subsidiary corporation; and

(3) may deposit money received under subsection (a) in an account or fund that is:
(A) administered by the subsidiary corporation; and
(B) not part of the state treasury.

(c) A subsidiary corporation established under this section is governed by a board of directors comprised of members appointed by the governor. Employees of the state department may serve on the board of directors.

(d) Employees of the state department shall provide administrative support for a subsidiary corporation established under this section. Employees of the state department directly involved in the subsidiary corporation established under this section may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of the subsidiary corporation.

(e) The state board of accounts shall audit a subsidiary corporation established under this section.

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

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

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

(b) This subsection does not apply to a pharmacist. The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health authority who is a licensed prescriber may, as part of the individual's official capacity, issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol that

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1 allows an individual who is licensed, certified, or registered by a board
2 (as defined in IC 25-1-9-1), and if within the individual's scope of
3 practice, to administer or dispense an immunization that is
4 recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for
6 individuals who are not less than eleven (11) years of age.

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

- 9 (1) The purpose of the order.
- 10 (2) The eligible recipients.
- 11 (3) The geographic area covered by the standing order.
- 12 (4) The procedure for administering or dispensing the
13 immunization or product.
- 14 (5) A timeline for renewing or updating the standing order.

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

19 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and subsection (b), the state
20 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health
21 authority may issue a standing order, prescription, or protocol to
22 administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the
23 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory
24 Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are at least
25 five (5) years of age. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the state
26 health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public health
27 authority to:

- 28 (1) require an individual to receive an immunization for
29 COVID-19; or
- 30 (2) waive or otherwise allow a minor to receive an immunization
31 without the consent of the parent or guardian as required under
32 IC 16-36-1.

33 This subsection expires at the conclusion of the federal public health
34 emergency concerning COVID-19 that was renewed on October 15,
35 2021, or any subsequent renewal of the declared federal public health
36 emergency concerning COVID-19.

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

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

7 (1) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
8 Institute (FGI) Guidelines for Design and Construction of
9 Hospitals, **planning codes**, except to the extent the **guidelines**
10 **codes** conflict with subdivision (3) or (4). (2) or (3).

11 (2) The most recent published version of the Facility Guidelines
12 Institute (FGI) Guidelines for Design and Construction of
13 Outpatient Facilities, except to the extent the guidelines conflict
14 with subdivision (3) or (4).

15 (3) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101,
16 Life Safety Code Handbook and Tentative Interim Amendments
17 (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and
18 Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the Conditions of
19 Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.

20 (4) (3) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99,
21 Health Care Facilities Code Handbook and Tentative Interim
22 Amendments (TIAs), as adopted by the federal Centers for
23 Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations, as part of the
24 Conditions of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid.

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

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

31 (1) Not later than ninety (90) days from the publication of the
32 new version, post a notice of the publication on the state
33 department's website, stating the state department's intent to
34 adopt the new version.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (e) The following are void:

11 (1) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(1).
12 (2) 410 IAC 15-1.5-8(c)(3).
13 (3) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(A).
14 (4) 410 IAC 15-2.5-7(a)(4)(C).

15 The publisher of the Indiana Code and Indiana Register shall remove
16 these provisions from the Indiana Administrative Code.

17 SECTION 21. IC 16-21-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2025,
18 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Each hospital shall file with the state
20 department a report for the preceding fiscal year within ~~one hundred~~
21 ~~twenty (120) days after not later than October 1 of the year~~
22 ~~following~~ the end of the hospital's fiscal year. For the filing of a report,
23 the state department may grant an extension of the time to file the
24 report if the hospital shows good cause for the extension. The report
25 must contain the following:

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

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

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

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

31 (5) Accountant notes pertaining to the report.

32 (6) A copy of the hospital's report required to

33 under 42 U.S.C. 1395g, and other appropriate utilization and
34 financial reports required to be filed under federal statutory law.

35 (7) Net patient revenue and total number of

36 including providing the information as follows:
37 (A) The net patient revenue and total number of paid claims

38 for inpatient servi

39 (i) Medicare;

40 (ii) Medicaid;
41 (iii) commercial insurance, including inpatient services
42 provided to patients participating in a fully-funded

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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 for:

(i) Medicare;

(ii) Medicaid;

(iii) commercial insurance, including outpatient services 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.

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

(i) Medicare:

- (i) Medicare;
- (ii) Medicaid;

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

(iv) self-pay and

(iv) self pay; and

24 (8) Net patient revenue and total number of paid claims from
25 facility fees, including providing the information as follows:
26

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

(i) Medicare:

(i) Medicare,
(ii) Medicaid.

- (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

- (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:

- (i) Medicare,
- (ii) Medicaid;

(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

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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 payment

(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 unreimbursed research.

(13) A statement describing the total cost of reimbursed and unreimbursed education separated into the following categories:

(A) Education of physicians, nurses, technicians, medical professionals and health care providers

(B) Scholarships and funding to medical schools, and other postsecondary educational institutions for health professions education.

(C) Education of patients concerning care in response to community needs.

(D) Community health education through informational programs, publications, and outreach activities in response to community needs.

(E) Other educational services resulting in education related costs.

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

(A) either:

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



(ii) if the person is a practitioner of the hospital, any ownership interest;

- (B) a controlling interest; or
- (C) an interest as a private e

in the hospital.

(15) The business address of each person or entity identified under subdivision (14). The business address must include a:

- (A) building number;
- (B) street name;
- (C) city name;
- (D) ZIP code; and
- (E) country name.

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

14 (16) The business website, if applicable, of each person or entity
15 identified under subdivision (14).

(17) Any of the following identification numbers, if applicable, for a person or entity identified under subdivision (14):

- (A) National provider identifier (NPI).
- (B) Taxpayer identification number (TIN).
- (C) Employer identification number (EIN).
- (D) CMS certification number (CCN).
- (E) National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) identification number.
- (F) A personal identification number associated with a license issued by the department of insurance.

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

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

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

38 SECTION 22. IC 16-21-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2011,
39 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. In addition to the report filed under section 3 of
41 this chapter, each hospital shall, ~~not more than one hundred twenty~~
42 ~~(120) days after the end of each calendar quarter, not later than~~

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1 **October 1 of the year following the end of the hospital's fiscal year,**
 2 file with the state department, or the state department's designated
 3 contractor, inpatient and outpatient discharge information at the patient
 4 level, in a format prescribed by the state health commissioner,
 5 including the following:

6 (1) The patient's:
 7 (A) length of stay;
 8 (B) diagnoses and surgical procedures performed during the
 9 patient's stay;
 10 (C) date of:
 11 (i) admission;
 12 (ii) discharge; and
 13 (iii) birth;
 14 (D) type of admission;
 15 (E) admission source;
 16 (F) gender;
 17 (G) race;
 18 (H) discharge disposition; and
 19 (I) payor, including:
 20 (i) Medicare;
 21 (ii) Medicaid;
 22 (iii) a local government program;
 23 (iv) commercial insurance;
 24 (v) self-pay; and
 25 (vi) charity care.

26 (2) The total charge for the patient's stay.
 27 (3) The ZIP code of the patient's residence.
 28 (4) Beginning October 1, 2013, all diagnosed external causes of
 29 injury codes.

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

31 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

32 SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A home health

33 aide competency evaluation program must:

34 (1) operate in accordance with 42 CFR 484.80; and
 35 (2) address each topic described in section 4(a) of this chapter.

36 **(b)** A home health aide competency evaluation program must

37 include at least seventy-five (75) hours of training. At least sixteen (16)

38 hours of classroom training must occur before supervised practical

39 training.

40 SECTION 24. IC 16-29-7-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,

41 SECTION 130, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) The state department shall

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1 establish a review period for certificate of need applications beginning
 2 July 1, 2019, and every July 1 thereafter, and lasting until the following
 3 June 30.

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 25. IC 16-38-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2005,
 21 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "chronic disease"
 23 means one (1) of the following conditions:

24 (1) Asthma.
 25 (2) Diabetes.
 26 (3) Congestive heart failure or coronary heart disease.
 27 (4) Hypertension.
 28 (5) Kidney disease.
 29 (6) **Parkinson's disease.**

30 (6) (7) A condition that the state department:

31 (A) determines should be included on the registry; and
 32 (B) chooses to add to the registry by rule under IC 4-22-2.

33 SECTION 26. IC 16-38-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 34 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2026]:

36 **Chapter 7. State Trauma Registry**

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

41 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "National EMS Information**
 42 **System" means the national repository for EMS data maintained**



1 **by the University of Utah School of Medicine.**

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

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

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

10 **(1) provides trauma care and has been verified as a trauma**
 11 **center by the American College of Surgeons;**

12 **(2) has been designated a trauma center under a state**
 13 **designation system that is substantially equivalent to the**
 14 **American College of Surgeons verification process, as**
 15 **determined by the state department; or**

16 **(3) has been deemed to be in the process of American College**
 17 **of Surgeons verification pursuant to 836 IAC 1-2.1.**

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

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

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

26 **(1) Frequency, type, severity, and outcome of trauma**
 27 **injuries.**

28 **(2) Criteria used to establish triage protocols.**

29 **(3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions**
 30 **of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of**
 31 **trauma care.**

32 **(4) Other factors to consider in recommending, designing, or**
 33 **implementing the statewide trauma care delivery system,**
 34 **including:**

35 **(A) public education on trauma and injury prevention;**

36 **(B) access to trauma care;**

37 **(C) prehospital availability; and**

38 **(D) the cost of trauma care.**

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

42 **Sec. 8. The following shall submit data concerning trauma care**



1 **to the state department for inclusion in the registry:**

2 (1) A hospital.

3 (2) A trauma center.

4 (3) A rehabilitation hospital.

5 (4) An emergency medical services provider, both basic life

6 support and advanced life support, that transports patients.

7 (5) At the request of the state department, any state agency

8 possessing data or information regarding trauma care.

9 **Sec. 9. (a) Data submitted to the registry must include**

10 **information that allows the state department to identify and**

11 **evaluate the following:**

12 (1) Incidence, mechanism, type, severity, and outcome of

13 traumatic injuries.

14 (2) Criteria used to establish or refine triage and transport

15 guidelines.

16 (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions

17 of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of

18 trauma care.

19 **(b) Data submitted to and maintained by the registry must be**

20 **in a format that:**

21 (1) protects the identity of specific patients to whom medical

22 care has been rendered;

23 (2) identifies specific health care facilities by a code or other

24 designation; and

25 (3) avoids or minimizes duplication of entries.

26 **Sec. 10. (a) An entity required to submit data under section 8**

27 **of this chapter shall submit data to the registry by direct data entry**

28 **or by electronic data transfer using an.xml format and data scheme**

29 **that is based on the trauma data dictionary.**

30 **(b) A hospital shall submit data to the registry using the**

31 **criteria in the trauma data dictionary.**

32 **(c) A rehabilitation hospital shall submit data to the registry**

33 **using the rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary.**

34 **(d) An emergency medical services provider shall submit data**

35 **to the registry using the most current version of the National EMS**

36 **Information System data elements and the criteria in the Indiana**

37 **EMS Data Dictionary.**

38 **Sec. 11. (a) A hospital, trauma center, and rehabilitation**

39 **hospital shall report data to the registry as follows:**

40 (1) For a patient admitted to the facility between January 1

41 and March 31, not later than June 30.

42 (2) For a patient admitted to the facility between April 1 and



June 30, not later than September 30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) stored;
- (2) transported;
- (3) treated;
- (4) disposed of; or
- (5) otherwise handled.

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

(1) Reduces the pathogenic qualities of infectious waste to a

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1 point where the waste is safe to handle.
 2 (2) Is designed for the specific waste involved.
 3 (3) Is carried out in a manner consistent with rules adopted by
 4 the state department under section 8 of this chapter.

5 (b) The term includes the following:
 6 (1) Incineration.
 7 (2) Steam sterilization.
 8 (3) Chemical disinfection.
 9 (4) Thermal inactivation.
 10 (5) Irradiation.

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

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

22 (1) research;
 23 (2) production of biologicals;
 24 (3) the in vivo testing of pharmaceuticals; or
 25 (4) other procedures.

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

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

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

38 (1) appropriate containment;
 39 (2) appropriate labeling;
 40 (3) effective treatment;
 41 (4) transport; and
 42 (5) disposal of;



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

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

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

10 **(1) effectively treated conduct effective treatment on the**
 11 **infectious waste on site; or**

12 **(2) transported transport the infectious waste off site for**
 13 **effective treatment;**

14 **according to rules adopted under section 8 of this chapter. this**
 15 **chapter.**

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

20 **SECTION 35. IC 16-41-16-7.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA**
 21 **CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
 22 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7.7. (a) A person shall ensure that**
 23 **infectious waste is, at all times, contained in a manner that will**
 24 **reasonably protect:**

25 **(1) a waste handler; and**

26 **(2) the public;**

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

29 **(b) A person shall place a contaminated sharp or a**
 30 **contaminated object that could potentially become a contaminated**
 31 **sharp, infectious biological culture, infectious associated biological,**
 32 **and infectious agent stock in a container that:**

33 **(1) is leak proof, rigid, and puncture resistant;**

34 **(2) is tightly sealed to prevent expulsion;**

35 **(3) is labeled with the biohazard symbol; and**

36 **(4) undergoes effective treatment before being stored in an**
 37 **unsecured area and sent for final disposal.**

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

42 **(1) is impervious to moisture;**



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

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

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

SECTION 37. IC 16-41-16-7.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7.9. (a) If infectious waste is stored before final disposal, a person shall do the following:**

a before final disposal, a person shall do the following.

- (1) Store the infectious waste in a secure area that:**
 - (A) is locked or otherwise secured to eliminate access by or exposure to the public;**
 - (B) affords protection from adverse environmental conditions and vermin; and**
 - (C) prominently displays a biohazard symbol.**
- (2) Store the infectious waste in manner that:**
 - (A) preserves the integrity of the container in which the infectious waste is stored; and**
 - (B) is not conducive to rapid microbial growth and putrefaction.**
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (b), disinfect a reusable container for infectious waste each time the container is emptied.**

(b) A person is not required to disinfect a reusable container ~~or subsection (a)(3) if the reusable container was protected~~ **contamination by a disposable liner, bag, or other device that**

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1 **was removed with the infectious waste.**

2 SECTION 38. IC 16-41-16-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) After consulting
 4 with an advisory committee composed of representatives of persons or
 5 facilities that handle infectious wastes, the state department ~~shall~~ **may**
 6 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.

7 (b) The state department ~~shall~~ **may** adopt rules under this section
 8 after considering the guidelines of the following:

- 9 (1) United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 10 (2) United States Centers for Disease Control.
- 11 (3) United States Occupational Safety and Health
 Administration.
- 12 (4) State department of labor.
- 13 (5) State department of environmental management.

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

- 18 (1) does not specifically identify the generating facility or
 treatment facility; and
- 19 (2) ensures that the identity of the generating facility or
 treatment facility may be readily obtained based on the label
 information.

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

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

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

- 27 (1) **Label the container of infectious waste with the name,
 address, and telephone number of the following facilities, if
 applicable:**

- 28 (A) **The facility that generated the infectious waste.**
- 29 (B) **The facility that treated or will treat the infectious
 waste.**

- 30 (2) **Provide a form that contains:**

- 31 (A) **the information for each facility described in
 subdivision (1);**



(B) a brief description of the:

(i) infectious waste; and

(ii) method of effective treatment of the infectious waste; and

(C) the signature of the person responsible for transporting the infectious waste.

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

13 (1) fails to comply with this chapter or a rule adopted under this
14 chapter; or

29 (4) Whether the person who committed the violation has

30 **previously failed to comply with the requirements of this**
31 **chapter.**

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

36 (B) Failure to cooperate with the state department.

37 (C) Fraudulent conduct.

38 SECTION 41. IC 16-41-39.4-5, AS AMENDED BY
39 P.L.147-2023, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The state
41 department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, collect data
42 under this chapter and ~~before June 1 of each year, report the results to~~

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1 the general assembly for the previous calendar year. A copy of the
 2 report shall be transmitted in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to
 3 the executive director of the legislative services agency for distribution
 4 to the members of the general assembly. **make the data available on**
 5 **the state department's website.**

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

- 9 (1) The number of children who received a blood lead test.
- 10 (2) The number of children who had a blood test result of at least
 ten (10) micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood.
- 11 (3) The number of children identified under subdivision (2) who
 received a blood test to confirm that they had lead poisoning.
- 12 (4) The number of children identified under subdivision (3) who
 had lead poisoning.
- 13 (5) The number of children identified under subdivision (4) who
 had a blood test result of less than ten (10) micrograms of lead
 per deciliter of blood.
- 14 (6) The average number of days taken to confirm a blood lead
 test.
- 15 (7) The number of risk assessments performed for children
 identified under subdivision (4) and the average number of days
 taken to perform the risk assessment.
- 16 (8) The number of housing units in which risk assessments
 performed under subdivision (7) documented lead hazards as
 defined by 40 CFR 745.
- 17 (9) The number of housing units identified under subdivision (8)
 that were covered by orders issued under IC 13-14-10-2 or by
 another governmental authority to eliminate lead hazards.
- 18 (10) The number of housing units identified under subdivision
 (9) for which lead hazards have been eliminated within thirty
 (30) days, three (3) months, and six (6) months.

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

26 (b) The state department shall make the guidance and standards
 27 established under subsection (a) available on the state department's
 28 **Internet web site. website.**



(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

(e) This section expires December 31, 2026.

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

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

(A) presents a certificate of completion issued under section 2.5(c) of this chapter to the pharmacist before the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is dispensed; and

(B) is an individual who is or may be in a position to assist an individual who is at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis

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

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

(b) A person wishing to receive auto-injectable epinephrine by

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1 standing order must do the following:

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

4 (2) Present a certificate of completion issued under section
5 2.5(c) of this chapter to a pharmacist at the time the
6 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is requested.

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

10 (d) An individual described in subsection (a)(1) may not be
11 considered to be practicing medicine without a license in violation of
12 IC 25-22.5-8-2 if the individual, acting in good faith:
13 (1) obtains ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine from a pharmacist by
14 standing order;
15 (2) administers ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to an individual that
16 the person reasonably believes is experiencing anaphylaxis in a
17 manner that is consistent with:
18 (A) the training provided during the course described in
19 section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
20 (B) the instruction provided to the person by a pharmacist
21 at the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was dispensed;
22 and
23 (3) attempts to summon emergency medical services either
24 immediately before or immediately after administering the
25 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.

26 (e) The state department shall ensure that a statewide standing
27 order for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in Indiana is
28 issued under this section. The state health commissioner may, as part
29 of the individual's official capacity, issue a statewide standing order
30 that may be used for the dispensing of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine
31 under this section. The immunity provided in IC 34-13-3-3 applies to
32 an individual described in this subsection.

33 SECTION 45. IC 16-41-43-2.5, AS AMENDED BY
34 P.L.171-2025, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) The state
36 department shall approve courses concerning allergies and the
37 administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine that meet criteria
38 established by the state department.
39 (b) The state department shall do the following:
40 (1) Publish and maintain, on its website, the following:
41 (A) The criteria established by the state department under
42 subsection (a).

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

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

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

39 SECTION 48. IC 16-41-43-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.59-2015,
40 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) A nurse employed by an entity may
42 administer ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine obtained under section 3 of this

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1 chapter to any of the following individuals if the individual is
2 demonstrating signs or symptoms of life threatening anaphylaxis and
3 the individual does not have epinephrine at the entity or the individual's
4 prescription is not available:

5 (1) Employees or agents of the entity.
6 (2) Visitors at the entity.

10 (1) The entity employee or agent has voluntarily received
11 training in:

12 (A) recognizing anaphylaxis; and
13 (B) the proper administration of auto-injectable
14 epinephrine;

15 by a health care provider who is licensed or certified in Indiana,
16 for whom the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine is
17 within the health care provider's scope of practice, who has
18 received training in the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~
19 epinephrine, and who is knowledgeable in recognizing the
20 symptoms of anaphylaxis and the administration of
21 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.

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

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

26 SECTION 49. IC 16-41-43-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.28-2019,

27 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) A health care provider who is licensed in
29 Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of
30 medication may write or electronically transmit a prescription, drug
31 order, or protocol for ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine for the entity.

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

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

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

- (1) The person has successfully completed a course described in section 2.5(a) of this chapter before administering ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine to a person.
- (2) The person administered the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine in a manner that was consistent with:
 - (A) the training provided during the course described in section 2.5(a) of this chapter; or
 - (B) the instruction provided to the person by the pharmacist at the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was dispensed to the person.
- (3) The person reasonably believed that the recipient of the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was suffering from anaphylaxis at the time the ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine was administered.

(c) A pharmacist who complies with section 2.3(a) of this chapter is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine.

(d) The immunity described in subsection (b) or (c) does not apply to any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

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

31 (b) A licensed health care provider who:
32 (1) writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this
33 chapter;
34 (2) transmits in an electronic format a prescription, drug order,
35 or protocol for an electronically transmitted prescription under
36 this chapter; or
37 (3) provides training to an entity's personnel under this chapter;
38 is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of
39 ~~auto-injectable~~ epinephrine under this chapter.

40 SECTION 52. IC 16-42-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A manufacturer,
42 processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor of food, drugs, or

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1 cosmetics who maintains a place of business in Indiana shall file with
 2 the state department, upon forms to be furnished by the state
 3 department, a written statement of the name and address of the owner,
 4 the character of the business, and the business address of each place of
 5 business in Indiana.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (2) Inspect, at reasonable times, the produce farm, factory,
 31 warehouse, place of production, establishment, or vehicle and all
 32 pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished materials,
 33 containers, labeling, and advertisements.

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

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

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

42 (c) **The state department may inspect a manufacturer,**



1 **processor, repackager, or wholesale distributor described in**
 2 **subsection (b) to enforce this article or rules adopted by the state**
 3 **department.**

4 SECTION 54. IC 16-46-7-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.55-2019,
 5 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Before July 1, 2019, and on a biennial
 7 basis thereafter, the state department, with the assistance of:

- 8 (1) the Indiana minority health coalition;
- 9 (2) health care providers that treat individuals with sickle cell
 10 disease;
- 11 (3) individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; and
- 12 (4) representatives of community based organizations that serve
 13 individuals with sickle cell disease;

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

16 (b) The study must include the following:

- 17 (1) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 18 diagnosed with sickle cell disease in Indiana.
- 19 (2) The prevalence, by geographic location, of individuals
 20 diagnosed as sickle cell trait carriers in Indiana.
- 21 (3) The availability and affordability of screening services in
 22 Indiana for sickle cell trait.
- 23 (4) The location and capacity of the following for the treatment
 24 of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait carriers:

25 (A) Treatment centers.

26 (B) Clinics.

27 (C) Community based social service organizations.

28 (D) Medical specialists.

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

31 (6) The underserved areas of Indiana for the treatment of sickle
 32 cell disease.

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

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

39 SECTION 55. IC 16-49-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
 40 SECTION 173, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A local child fatality review
 42 team:

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1 (1) shall review the death of a child whose death incident
2 occurred in the area served by the local child fatality review
3 team and may review the death of a child whose death occurred
4 in the area served by the local child fatality review team if:

(A) the death of the child is:

(i) sudden;

(ii) unexpected;

(iii) unexplained; or

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

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

(i) undetermined; or

(ii) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident; and

(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.

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

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

39 (1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or

40 (2) admissible as evidence;

41 in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is
42 otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not

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1 immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the
2 information was presented during proceedings before a local child
3 fatality review team.

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

11 (1) the death of the child is:
12 (A) sudden;
13 (B) unexpected;
14 (C) unexplained; or
15 (D) assessed by the department of child services for alleged
16 abuse or neglect that resulted in the death of the child; or
17 (2) the coroner in the area in which the child's death occurred
18 determines that the cause of the death of the child is:
19 (A) undetermined; or
20 (B) the result of a homicide, suicide, or accident.

21 (b) In conducting a child fatality review under subsection (a), the
22 statewide child fatality review committee may review all applicable
23 records and information related to the death of the child, including the
24 following:

25 (1) Records held by the:
26 (A) state department or local health department; and
27 (B) department of child services.
28 (2) Medical records.
29 (3) Law enforcement records.
30 (4) Autopsy reports.
31 (5) Records of the coroner.
32 (6) Mental health reports.
33 **(7) Emergency medical services and fire department run**
34 **reports.**

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

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



1 (c) in good faith is not subject to liability in:
 2 (1) a civil;
 3 (2) an administrative;
 4 (3) a disciplinary; or
 5 (4) a criminal;
 6 action that might otherwise be imposed as a result of such disclosure.
 7 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, information and
 8 records acquired by the statewide child fatality review committee in the
 9 exercise of its duties under this chapter are confidential and exempt
 10 from disclosure.
 11 (f) Records, information, documents, and reports acquired or
 12 produced by the statewide child fatality review committee are not:
 13 (1) subject to subpoena or discovery; or
 14 (2) admissible as evidence;
 15 in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information that is
 16 otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources is not
 17 immune from discovery or use in any proceeding merely because the
 18 information was presented during proceedings before the statewide
 19 child fatality review committee.
 20 SECTION 57. IC 16-49-6-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.31-2019,
 21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Before July 1 of each year, a local
 23 fetal-infant mortality review team shall submit a report to the state
 24 department that includes the following information:
 25 (1) A summary of the data collected concerning the reviews
 26 conducted by the local fetal-infant mortality review team for the
 27 previous calendar year.
 28 (2) Actions recommended by the local fetal-infant mortality
 29 review team to improve systems of care and community
 30 resources to reduce fetal deaths and infant deaths in the area
 31 served by the review team.
 32 (3) Solutions proposed for any system inadequacies.
 33 (b) The report described in subsection (a) may not contain
 34 identifying information relating to the deaths reviewed by the local
 35 fetal-infant mortality review team.
 36 (c) Review data concerning a fetal death or an infant death is
 37 confidential and may not be released.
 38 (d) The local fetal-infant mortality review team may provide the
 39 state department with data concerning the reviews of a death under this
 40 chapter, **including any records held or maintained by the local**
 41 **fetal-infant mortality review team.**
 42 (e) **The state department shall maintain the confidentiality of**

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1 **any data received under subsection (d).**

2 SECTION 58. IC 16-49.5-2-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2020,
 3 SECTION 53, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) A SOFR team shall do the following:

5 (1) Identify similarities, trends, and factual patterns concerning
 6 suicides and overdose fatalities in the area served by the SOFR
 7 team.

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

10 (3) Create strategies and make recommendations for the
 11 prevention and reduction of suicides and overdose fatalities,
 12 including minority suicides and overdose fatalities, in the area
 13 served by the SOFR team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 SECTION 59. IC 16-50-1-9, AS AMENDED BY THE
 26 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 27 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The statewide maternal mortality review
 29 committee, **through the state department**, shall ~~before July 1 of each~~
 30 year, ~~submit a report to the state department that includes make~~
 31 **maternal mortality information available on the state department's**
 32 **website, including** the following information:

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

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

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

42 (b) **A report released Information made available** under this

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1 section must not contain identifying information relating to the deaths
 2 reviewed by the statewide maternal mortality review committee.

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

6 SECTION 60. IC 21-44-5-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 19.** **(a) As used in this section,**
 9 **"medical school" means a postsecondary educational institution**
 10 **that:**

11 **(1) operates in Indiana; and**
 12 **(2) offers a health education program leading to a graduate**
 13 **or postgraduate degree in medicine.**

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

16 **(1) Include nutrition education as part of the medical**
 17 **school's curriculum.**
 18 **(2) Require a medical student to complete a rural health**
 19 **rotation.**

20 SECTION 61. IC 34-30-2.1-253, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 21 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 253. IC 16-41-43-2.3 (Concerning a statewide
 23 standing order issued by the state health commissioner for dispensing
 24 auto-injectable epinephrine).

25 SECTION 62. IC 34-30-2.1-254, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 26 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 254. IC 16-41-43-5.5 (Concerning the
 28 administration of auto-injectable epinephrine by laypersons and the
 29 dispensing of auto-injectable epinephrine by pharmacists).

30 SECTION 63. IC 34-30-2.1-255, AS ADDED BY P.L.105-2022,
 31 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 255. IC 16-41-43-6 (Concerning nurses, an
 33 entity's personnel, and health care providers and the administration of
 34 auto-injectable epinephrine).

35 SECTION 64. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The following**
 36 **are void:**

37 **(1) 410 IAC 1-3.**
 38 **(2) 410 IAC 34.**

39 **The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and Indiana**
 40 **Register shall remove these rules from the Indiana Administrative**
 41 **Code.**

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



1 SECTION 65. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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