

Section 1

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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April 26, 2012

Pamela B. Booth, Committee Administrator
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol
Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Regulations Concerning: ***Short-term hospitals, special, hospice and Hospice Inpatient Facilities***

Dear Ms. Booth:

Enclosed for the Committee's consideration is the proposed above-captioned regulation, authorized by section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The purpose of these regulations are to (A) repeal section 19-13-D4b, maintain current language governing Short-term Hospital, special, hospice and create new regulations regarding Hospice Inpatient Facilities pursuant to section 19a-495 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (B) These regulations will create a new licensure category for Hospice Inpatient Facilities while keeping the existing short-term hospital, special, hospice regulation intact. Sections 19a-495-6a through 19a-495-6n is consistent with federal guidelines and current healthcare delivery standards. Entities previously licensed under section 19-13-D4b will continue to comply with the requirements for short-term hospital, special, hospice regulations previously located in section 19-13-D4b now section 19a-495-5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies; (C) These regulations will repeal section 19-13-d4b and create sections 19a-495-5 and 19a-495-6a through 19a-495-6n. The Department plans to use sections 19a-495-1 through 19a-495-4 for future regulations.

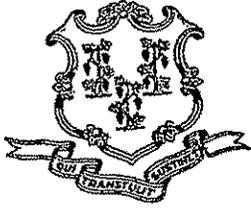
I have assigned Jill Kentfield as the contact person regarding this regulation. She can be reached at (860) 509-7280 or by e-mail at jill.kentfield@ct.gov. I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jewel Mullen", followed by a horizontal line.

Jewel Mullen, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A.,
Commissioner





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I, Jewel Mullen MD., Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, an Agency of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that:

- (1) On December 10, 2010, the Agency gave notice by mail to each joint standing committee of the general assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of the proposed regulations.
- (2) On January 11, 2011, the Agency gave notice in the Connecticut Law Journal of its intention to amend regulations concerning **Hospice Facilities**. A true copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit A. On March 1, 2011 the Agency gave notice in the Connecticut Law Journal of its intention to hold a public hearing on April 4, 2011 regarding regulations concerning Hospice Facilities. A true copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit A1.
- (3) On April 4, 2011 the Agency had a public hearing concerning **Hospice Facilities**
- (4) The Agency gave notice by mail to those persons who requested advance notice of regulation-making proceedings.
- (5) The Agency provided a copy of the proposed regulations to those persons requesting it.
- (6) Following publication of the notice in the Connecticut Law Journal, the Agency prepared a fiscal note, including an estimate of the cost or of the revenue impact on the state or any municipality of the state. A true copy of the small business impact statement fiscal note is attached as Exhibit B.
- (7) All interested persons were given until 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2011 to submit data, views or arguments concerning the proposed regulations and to inspect and copy the small business impact statement and fiscal note referred to in paragraph 6.
- (8) The Agency has considered fully all written and oral submissions regarding the proposed regulations and determined that no revision of the small business impact statement and fiscal note is needed.
- (9) On March 19, 2011, the Agency mailed to all persons who submitted data, views or arguments in writing, and to all persons who made statements or oral argument at the hearing held and who requested notification, notice that the Agency has decided to take action on the proposed regulation, and that it has made available for copying and inspection: (a) the final wording of the proposed regulation; (b) a statement of the principal reasons in support of its intended action; and, (c) a statement of the principal considerations in opposition to its intended action as urged in written or oral comments on the proposed regulation and its reasons for rejecting such considerations.

4/19/2012
Date


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