

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.21562 Rural community hospital as limited service hospital; delivery of basic acute care services; rules implementing part; agreement to participate in medicaid program; definition; participation in federal medicare program; appointment, membership, and purpose of ad hoc advisory committee; transfer agreement.**

Sec. 21562. (1) A hospital designated as a rural community hospital under section 21561 shall be a limited service hospital directed toward the delivery of not more than basic acute care services in order to assure appropriate access in the rural area.

(2) The rules promulgated to implement this part shall require that a hospital designated as a rural community hospital under section 21561 shall provide no more than the following services:

- (a) Emergency care.
- (b) Stabilization care for transfer to another facility.
- (c) Inpatient care.
- (d) Radiology and laboratory services.
- (e) Ambulatory care.
- (f) Obstetrical services.
- (g) Outpatient services.
- (h) Other services determined as appropriate by the ad hoc advisory committee created in subsection (5).

(3) A rural community hospital shall enter into an agreement with the department of social services to participate in the medicaid program. As used in this subsection, "medicaid" means that term as defined in section 22207.

(4) A rural community hospital shall meet the conditions for participation in the federal medicare program under title XVIII of the social security act.

(5) Not later than 3 months after the effective date of this section, the director shall appoint an ad hoc advisory committee to develop recommendations for rules to designate the maximum number of beds and the services to be provided by a rural community hospital. In developing recommendations under this subsection, the ad hoc advisory committee shall review the provisions of the code pertaining to hospital licensure in order to determine those provisions that should apply to rural community hospitals. The director shall direct the committee to report its recommendations to the department within 12 months after the committee is appointed. The ad hoc advisory committee shall be appointed as follows:

(a) Twenty-five percent of the members shall be representatives from hospitals with fewer than 100 licensed beds.

(b) Twenty-five percent of the members shall be representatives from health care provider organizations other than hospitals.

(c) Twenty-five percent of the members shall be representatives from organizations whose membership includes consumers of rural health care services or members of local governmental units located in rural areas.

(d) Twenty-five percent of the members shall be representatives from purchasers or payers of rural health care services.

(6) A hospital designated as a rural community hospital under section 21561 shall develop and implement a transfer agreement between the rural community hospital and 1 or more appropriate referral hospitals.

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