

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.21571 Rural hospital; eligibility requirements; definition.

Sec. 21571. (1) To be a rural hospital and qualify as an eligible hospital under the federal medicare rural hospital flexibility program, 42 USC 1395i-4, a hospital not located outside of a metropolitan statistical area as defined in 42 USC 1395ww shall be located in a city, village, or township with a population of no more than 12,000 and in a county with a population of no more than 110,000. Population is to be determined according to the official 2000 federal decennial census.

(2) A hospital that is determined to be a rural hospital under this section may be designated by the department as a critical provider to satisfy the eligibility requirements for certification as a critical access hospital.

(3) As used in this section, "rural hospital" means a hospital that is located outside of a metropolitan statistical area as defined in 42 USC 1395ww or that satisfies the criteria established under subsection (1).

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