

Introduced to Amended -- relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model.

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~~relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based~~
~~business model.~~

??? AMENDED ANALYSIS This bill exempts direct-pay health care facilities from certain licensing requirements and policies in RSA ~~151:2-f~~151:2-f, ~~as well as the moratorium on licensing and bed capacity in RSA 151:2, VI(a).~~

0415h 26-2358 05/08 STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model.

Subparagraph I(a) shall not apply to ~~rehabilitation~~any ~~facilities, including rehabilitation hospitals and~~
facilities ~~offering comprehensive rehabilitation services~~ facilities that operate on a membership-based
business model or exclusively provide services to persons who make direct payment for services, and are
not nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, HB 1562-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE - Page 2 -

intermediate care facilities, or rehabilitation facilities, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation services.

~~54~~ New Section;

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Medical information contained in the medical records at any facility ~~HB 1562-FN - AS INTRODUCED - Page 4 -~~ licensed under this chapter shall be deemed to be the property of the patient.

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~~65~~ Department of Health and Human Services;

The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall conduct a study to examine the impact of direct pay models on the health care system of New Hampshire, with special attention given to the impact of implementation of the direct primary care law, RSA 329:1-e and 2019, 330 ~~HB 1562-FN - AS INTRODUCED - Page 5 -~~ (HB 508).

~~76~~ Effective Patients' Date. Bill of Rights;

~~This Definitions; act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.~~

Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities.

Amend RSA 151:19, II to read as follows:

II.

"Facility" means any hospital, building, residence, or other place or part thereof, licensed under the provisions of RSA 151:2.

For the purposes of RSA 151:21, RSA 151:25, and RSA 151:26, "facility" shall not include home health care providers, or private homes where home care services are provided.

[For the purposes of RSA 151:21, "facility" shall not include direct payment and membership-based facilities.] 7 Patients' Bill of Rights;

Definitions;

Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities.

Amend RSA 151:19, VI to read as follows:

VI.

"Patients' rights" or "rights" means those rights established under RSA 151:21 or RSA 151:21-b, [or RSA 151:21-c,] as applicable.

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Policies Required RSA 151:2-f is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

151:2-f Policies Required for Health Facilities and Special Health Care Service Licenses.

Every facility licensed under RSA 151:2, I(a) or (d) and every person holding a special health care service license under RSA 151:2-e shall:

I.

Adopt and enforce a written policy to assure that the facility provides its services to all persons who require the services the facility provides regardless of the source of payment for the services provided to any person;

II.

Adopt, publicize, and apply an assistance plan for persons who are uninsured or who do not have the financial resources to pay for the facility's services due to financial hardship;

III.

Provide data to the commissioner of the department of health and human services regarding the volume, cost and outcomes of services provided in the facility;

and IV.

Pay fees under RSA 151:2-e, III to the commissioner of the department to cover the costs of administering the licensing of special health care services, the administration of the quality and patient safety requirements of this section, and the collection and analysis of the data collected under this section 9 Repeal.

RSA 151:21-c, relative to the patients' bill of rights for direct payment and membership-based facilities, is repealed.

10 Applicability.

Sections 6-9 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2032 if no new facilities are licensed pursuant to RSA 151 between January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2032.

If new facilities are licensed between January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2032, sections 6-9 of this act shall not take effect.

11 Effective Date.

I.

Sections 6 - 9 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 10 of this act.

II.

The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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