

Readoption Review

Home Health Agencies 410 IAC 17

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

Description of Rule:

This rule establishes the requirements for licensure of a home health agency in Indiana. Home health agencies provide health care services to persons in their homes.

Readoption Analysis:

1) Is there a continued need for this rule? Please explain.

Yes. Home health agencies continue to grow in number and size in the state. The oversight and regulation of services that are provided to persons in their homes is crucial to the quality of care provided and the protection of persons and their homes.

2) What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?

With any licensure rule there are times when the home health agencies themselves will appeal survey findings against them that they disagree with. They are not happy with the survey findings or the interpretation of the rules by the agency. We have received no comments or complaints from the general public about the rule or its implementation.

3) Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.

This rule is not a complex rule. Any difficulties by small business in complying with the rule cannot be attributed to any complexity of the rule.

4) To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?

There is no overlap, duplication, or conflict with federal, other state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances.

5) When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?

The last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency was in 2008 during the readoption process. There have been no technology, economic, or other factors that have changed or impacted this rule since 2008.

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