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[SB 1141](#): health care institutions; accreditation; inspections. ([Substituted for HB 2290](#))

Sponsor: Representative Osborne, LD 13
Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Updates and clarifies terminology for the licensing of health care institutions.

History

The Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) must inspect the premises of a health care institution and investigate the character and other qualifications of the applicant to ascertain whether the applicant and health care institution are in substantial compliance with the requirements and rules prescribed by law. Under current law, the Director must accept proof that a health care institution is an accredited hospital or health care institution in lieu of all required compliance inspections if the Director received a copy of the institution's accreditation report for the licensure period. If the health care institution's accreditation report is not valid for the entire licensure period, DHS may conduct a compliance inspection of the health care institution during the time period that DHS does not have a valid accreditation report for the health care institution. ([A.R.S. § 36-424](#))

Health care institution is defined as every place, institution, building or agency, whether organized for profit or not, that provides facilities with medical services, nursing services, behavioral health services, health screening services, other health-related services, supervisory care services, personal care services or directed care services and home health agencies, outdoor behavioral health care programs and hospice service agencies. A health care institution does not include a community residential setting. ([A.R.S. § 36-401](#))

Provisions

1. Clarifies the Director may accept an accreditation report in lieu of a compliance inspection of a *health care institution* only if both apply:
 - a) The institution is accredited by an independent, nonprofit accrediting organization approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
 - b) The institution has not been subject to an enforcement action within the year preceding the annual licensing fee anniversary date. (Sec. 1)
2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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