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OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING

Notice of Readoption

Hospital Financial Reporting

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:31B

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Commissioner, Department of Health, with the approval of the Health Care Administration Board.

Effective Date: March 21, 2025.

New Expiration Date: March 21, 2032.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:31B, Hospital Financial Reporting, were scheduled to expire on May 29, 2025.

N.J.A.C. 8:31B establishes rules governing hospital reporting of uniform billing and cost data to implement the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 through 26 (Act). Subchapter 1 establishes General Provisions. Subchapter 2 establishes standards for Hospital Reporting of Uniform Bill Data (Inpatient, Same-Day Surgery, and Emergency Department Outpatient). Subchapter 3 establishes standards addressing Financial Monitoring and Reporting. Subchapter 4 establishes standards for Financial Elements and Reporting. Subchapter 5 establishes Standards for Hospital Notification Regarding Offset of Medicaid Payments and Charity Care Subsidy Payments to Collect Hospital Debts Due to the State.

The Department of Health (Department) is developing rulemaking to revise and update existing N.J.A.C. 8:31B to reflect new statutory requirements and updated best practices. The Department anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course; however, this rulemaking would not be concluded prior to the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:31B. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Health Care Administration Board, has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:31B and determined that, pending the completion of the rulemaking that is in development as described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which it was originally promulgated and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:31B is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.