

## **ADOPTIONS SECTION**

### **HEALTH SYSTEMS BRANCH**

### **DIVISION OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND LICENSING**

### **CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND HEALTHCARE FACILITY LICENSURE PROGRAM**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

#### **Hospital Licensing Standards**

#### **Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:43G**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., specifically 26:2H-5.

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

Effective Date: November 17, 2024.

New Expiration Date: November 17, 2031.

**Take notice** that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:43G, Hospital Licensing Standards, which govern the licensure of general, psychiatric, and specialized hospitals in New Jersey, were scheduled to expire on December 18, 2024.

N.J.A.C. 8:43G contains 38 subchapters, described as follows: Subchapter 1 contains general provisions. Subchapter 2 provides for the licensure and licensure procedures. Subchapter 3 is reserved. Subchapter 4 addresses patient rights. Subchapter 5 addresses hospital administration and general hospital-wide policies. Subchapter 6 addresses anesthesia services. Subchapter 7 addresses cardiac services. Subchapter 7A addresses stroke centers. Subchapter 8 addresses central services. Subchapter 9 addresses critical and intermediate care. Subchapter 10 addresses dietary services.

Subchapter 11 addresses discharge planning. Subchapter 11A addresses caregivers. Subchapter 12 addresses emergency department and trauma services. Subchapter 12A addresses emergency care for sexual assault victims. Subchapter 13 addresses housekeeping, laundry, and sanitation. Subchapter 14 addresses infection control. Subchapter 15 addresses medical records. Subchapter 16 addresses medical staff. Subchapter 17 addresses nurse staffing. Subchapter 17A addresses mandatory staff-level posting and reporting standards. Subchapter 18 addresses nursing care. Subchapter 19 addresses obstetrics. Subchapter 20 addresses employee health.

Subchapter 21 addresses oncology. Subchapter 22 addresses pediatrics. Subchapter 22A addresses licensure of children's hospital designations. Subchapter 23 addresses pharmacy. Subchapter 24 addresses plant maintenance and emergency preparedness. Subchapter 25 addresses postmortem. Subchapter 26 addresses psychiatry. Subchapter 27 addresses continuous quality improvement. Subchapter 28 addresses radiation and radiation oncology. Subchapter 29 addresses physical and occupational therapy. Subchapter 30 addresses renal dialysis.

Subchapter 31 addresses respiratory care. Subchapter 32 addresses same-day stay. Subchapter 33 addresses social work. Subchapter 34 addresses surgery. Subchapter 35 addresses post anesthesia care. Subchapter 36 addresses satellite emergency departments. Subchapter 37 addresses extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy services. Subchapter 38 addresses long-term acute care hospitals general requirements.

The Department of Health (Department) is working with internal and external stakeholders to develop rulemaking to implement 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 before the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:43G. The Commissioner has reviewed existing N.J.A.C. 8:43G and determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:43G is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.