

**INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT[481]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135B.7, the Department of Inspections and Appeals hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 51, “Hospitals,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to add the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) to the list of hospital accreditation organizations. Current rules specify three accreditation organizations: The Joint Commission, the American Osteopathic Association, and Det Norske Veritas. The CIHQ was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a hospital accreditation organization.

The Department does not believe that the proposed amendments impose any financial hardship on any regulated entity. Rather, adoption of the proposed amendments simply adds CIHQ to the existing list of hospital accreditation organizations.

The proposed amendments were presented to the Hospital Licensing Board at its October 24, 2013, meeting, at which time the Board approved them.

The State Board of Health initially reviewed the proposed amendments at its November 13, 2013, meeting.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before December 31, 2013. Such written materials should be addressed to the Director, Department of Inspections and Appeals, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0083; faxed to (515)242-6863; or e-mailed to [david.werning@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:david.werning@dia.iowa.gov).

After review and analysis of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 10A.104(5) and 135B.7.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrules 51.2(5) and 51.2(6) as follows:

**51.2(5)** The department shall recognize, in lieu of its own licensure inspection, the comparable inspections and inspection findings of The Joint Commission (JC), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), ~~or~~ Det Norske Veritas (DNV), or the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ), if the department is provided with copies of all requested materials relating to the inspection process. In cases of the initial licensure, the department may require its own inspection when needed in addition to comparable accreditations to allow the hospital to begin operations. The department may also initiate its own inspection when it is determined that the inspection findings of the JC, AOA, ~~or~~ DNV, or CIHQ are insufficient to address concerns identified as possible licensure issues.

**51.2(6)** Hospitals not accredited by the JC, AOA, ~~or~~ DNV, or CIHQ shall be inspected by the department utilizing the current Medicare conditions of participation found in Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act and 42 CFR Part 482, Subparts A, B, C, D, and E, or 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart F, as of October 1, 2006. Licensed-only hospitals shall be inspected utilizing the requirements of this chapter. The department may promulgate additional standards. The department may recognize, in lieu of its own licensure inspection, the comparable inspection and inspection findings of a Medicare conditions of participation survey.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 481—51.6(135B), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**481—51.6(135B) Patient rights and responsibilities.** The hospital governing board shall adopt a statement of principles relating to patient rights and responsibilities. In developing a statement of principles, the hospital may use reference statements of patient rights and responsibilities developed by the American Hospital Association, The Joint Commission (JC), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), Det Norske Veritas (DNV), the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ), and other appropriate sources.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 51.53(7) as follows:

**51.53(7)** The department shall recognize, in lieu of its own inspection, the comparable inspections and inspections findings of The Joint Commission (JC), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), ~~or Det Norske Veritas (DNV)~~, or the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) if the department is provided with copies of all requested materials relating to the inspections and the inspection process.