

135B.5A Conversion relative to certain hospitals.

1. A conversion of a long-term acute care hospital, rehabilitation hospital, or psychiatric hospital as defined by federal regulations to a general hospital or to a specialty hospital of a different type is a permanent change in bed capacity and shall require a certificate of need pursuant to [section 135.62](#).

2. A conversion of a critical access hospital or general hospital to a rural emergency hospital shall not require a certificate of need pursuant to [section 135.62](#).

3. Any change of a rural emergency hospital in licensure, organizational structure, or type of institutional health facility shall require a certificate of need pursuant to [section 135.62](#).

[2018 Acts, ch 1062, §2](#); [2023 Acts, ch 16, §7, 20, 21](#); [2025 Acts, ch 120, §67](#)

2023 amendment applies to a facility or, due to change in ownership, a successor facility that was, on or before December 27, 2020, a general hospital with no more than fifty licensed beds, located in a county in a rural area as specified in [section 135B.3A](#) with a specified population, and operating on and prior to a specified date under a valid certificate of need; 2023 Acts, ch 16, §20

Section amended