

**481—51.2(135B) Classification, compliance and license.**

**51.2(1)** All hospitals subject to licensure under this chapter will be classified as a critical access hospital, general hospital, long-term acute care hospital, rural emergency hospital, or specialized hospital. The license issued by the department will clearly identify the classification of the hospital, and such designation will be set forth on the hospital's license.

**51.2(2)** A hospital shall comply with all of the general regulations for hospitals and any rules pertaining to specialized services, if specialized services are provided in the hospital.

**51.2(3)** A separate license is required for each hospital even though more than one is operated under the same management. A separate license is not required for separate buildings of a hospital located on separate parcels of land, which are not adjoining but provide elements of the hospital's full range of services for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of human illness, including convalescence and rehabilitation, and which are organized under a single owner or governing board with a single designated administrator and medical staff.

**51.2(4)** The license shall be conspicuously posted on the main premises of the hospital.

**51.2(5)** The department shall recognize, in lieu of its own licensure inspection, the comparable inspections and findings of an accrediting organization approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for federal certification 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 accrediting organization are insufficient to address concerns identified as possible licensure issues.

**51.2(6)** The department may recognize, in lieu of its own licensure inspection, the comparable inspection and inspection findings of a Medicare conditions of participation survey of a hospital certified by CMS. Hospitals that are not federally certified will be inspected utilizing the requirements of this chapter.

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