

**441—77.4(249A) Hospitals.**

**77.4(1) Qualifications.** All hospitals licensed in the state of Iowa or in another state and certified as eligible to participate in Part A of the Medicare program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act as amended to July 1, 2026) are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program, subject to the additional requirements of this rule.

**77.4(2) Psychiatric bed tracking system.** As a condition of participation in the medical assistance program, hospitals must establish procedures for participating in and updating the statewide psychiatric bed tracking system.

*a.* Definitions.

“*Adult beds*” means the number of staffed and available psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals 18 years of age to 60 years of age.

“*Child beds*” means the number of staffed and available psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals up to the age of 18.

“*Geriatric beds*” means the number of staffed and available psychiatric beds ready for admission to individuals 60 years of age and older.

“*Hospital,*” for purposes of this subrule, means any licensed hospital providing inpatient psychiatric services and the state mental health institutes.

“*Psychiatric bed tracking system*” means a web-based electronic system managed by the department that can be searched to locate inpatient psychiatric services at an Iowa hospital.

*b.* Hospitals are required to participate in the psychiatric bed tracking system.

*c.* Hospitals shall update the psychiatric bed tracking system, at a minimum, two times per day. The first update shall be entered between 12:00:01 a.m. and 9:59:59 a.m. each day; the second update shall be entered between 8:00:00 p.m. and 11:59:59 p.m. each day.

*d.* Each update must include the number of child beds by sex, the number of adult beds by sex, and the number of geriatric beds by sex.

*e.* Failure to comply with the psychiatric bed tracking reporting may result in sanctions in accordance with rule 441—79.2(249A).

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