



STATE OF ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HFSRB Board Members

FROM: Ann Guild

SUBJECT: Legislative Update – SB2541

DATE: June 26, 2020

SB2541 is a bill that primarily amends the Illinois Public Aid Code regarding the hospital assessment program. This program uses an assessment on hospitals to bring additional federal dollars into Illinois to support its Medicaid program.

More importantly to HFSRB, SB2541 also amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act to prohibit HFSRB staff from deeming an application to close a health care facility complete without evidence that the following persons have been provided with written notice, at least 30 days before filing the application, of its intent to file such application:

- The municipality in which the health care facility is located;
- The State Representative in the district of the health care facility;
- The State Senator in the district of the health care facility;
- The State Board;
- The Director of Public Health; and
- The Director of Healthcare and Family Services.

Currently, HFSRB is required to publish legal notices of discontinuation of health care facilities, but only after the application is deemed complete. The notices must be posted on the HFSRB website and sent to the State Representative and State Senator in the district of the health care facility. In addition, the health care facility is required to provide notice to the local media that it would routinely notify about facility events. These requirements will remain in place after SB2541 is enacted.

The language in SB2541 is designed to give more advance notice to the community than was previously provided. The bill was sent to the Governor on June 17, but has not yet been signed into law.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 312-771-4185 or via e-mail at ann.guild@illinois.gov.