

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664

Approved by the Governor May 31, 2005

Introduced by Cudaback, 36; Fischer, 43

AN ACT relating to health care facilities; to amend section 71-409, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2004; to redefine critical access hospital; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-409, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2004, is amended to read:

71-409. Critical access hospital means a facility (1) with acute care inpatient beds where care or treatment is provided on an outpatient basis or on an inpatient basis to persons for an average period of not more than ninety-six hours and emergency services are provided on a twenty-four-hour basis and (2) which has formal agreements with at least one hospital and other appropriate providers for services such as patient referral and transfer, communications systems, provision of emergency and nonemergency transportation, and backup medical and emergency services. A facility licensed as a critical access hospital as of January 1, 2004, shall have no more than twenty-five acute care inpatient beds. ~~and any other facility licensed as a critical access hospital shall have no more than fifteen acute care inpatient beds.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 71-409, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2004, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.