

**Subject** Hospital swing bed license conditions

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## Overview

This bill exempts a hospital that is located in Cook County, is designated as a critical access hospital, and has an attached nursing home, from limits on the length of stay for patients in its swing beds and from conditions for admitting patients to swing beds at the hospital. A hospital or critical access hospital with swing beds can provide either acute care or skilled nursing facility care to patients in those beds.

## Summary

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1	<b>Approval of license condition.</b>
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Amends § 144.562, subd. 3. Exempts a hospital that is located in Cook County, is designated as a critical access hospital, and has an attached nursing home, from the following license conditions for swing beds:

- that the hospital must agree to limit the length of stay of a patient receiving services in a swing bed to not more than 40 days or the duration of the patient's Medicare eligibility, unless the commissioner approves a longer length of stay; and
- that the hospital must agree to limit admission to a swing bed to patients who were hospitalized and not yet discharged from the facility or to patients transferred directly from a hospital.

Provides any swing bed in this hospital may provide nursing facility services, without a prior hospital stay, and specifies services provided are covered medical assistance services under chapter 256B and eligible for reimbursement under chapter 256R (nursing facility rates).



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