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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Introduced By: Senator Erin P.Lynch

Date Introduced: May 07, 2014

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-17-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-17 entitled "Licensing
2 of Health Care Facilities" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-17-4. License required for health care facility operation.** -- (a) No person acting
4 severally or jointly with any other person shall establish, conduct, or maintain a health care
5 facility in this state without a license under this chapter; provided, however, that any person, firm,
6 corporation or other entity which provides volunteer registered and licensed practical nurses to
7 the public shall not be required to have a license as a health care facility.

8 (b) Each location at which a health care facility provides services shall be licensed;
9 provided, however, that a hospital or organized ambulatory care facility shall be permitted to
10 provide, solely on an ambulatory basis, limited physician services, other limited professional
11 health care services, and/or other limited professional mental health care services in conjunction
12 with services provided by and at community health centers, community mental health centers,
13 organized ambulatory care facilities or other licensed health care facilities, physicians' offices,
14 and facilities operated by the department of corrections without establishing such locations as
15 additional licensed premises of the hospital or organized ambulatory care facility.
16 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, a health care facility licensed as an organized ambulatory
17 care facility may provide services at other locations operated by that licensed organized
18 ambulatory care facility without having to obtain a separate organized ambulatory care facility
19 license for such locations, and, therefore, no initial licensure application is required. The

1 department is further authorized to adopt rules and regulations to accomplish the purpose of this
2 section, including, but not limited to, defining "limited physician services, other limited
3 professional health care services, and/or other limited professional mental health care services."

4 (c) The reimbursement rates for the services rendered in the settings listed in subsection
5 (b) of this chapter shall be subject to negotiations between the hospitals, organized ambulatory
6 care facilities, and the payors, respectively, as defined in section 23-17.12-2.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that a licensed ambulatory care facility may provide services at
2 other locations operated by that facility without having to obtain a separate license for such
3 locations.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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