

26-21-13.6 Rural hospital -- Optional service designation.

- (1) The Legislature finds that:
 - (a) the rural citizens of this state need access to hospitals and primary care clinics;
 - (b) financial stability of remote-rural hospitals and their integration into remote-rural delivery networks is critical to ensure the continued viability of remote-rural health care; and
 - (c) administrative simplicity is essential for providing large benefits to small-scale remote-rural providers who have limited time and resources.
- (2) After July 1, 1995, the department may grant variances to remote-rural acute care hospitals for specific services currently required for licensure under general hospital standards established by department rule.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "remote-rural hospitals" are hospitals that are in a county with less than 20 people per square mile.

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