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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
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SUBJECT: IDPH Adopts Emergency Rules to Continue Hospital at Home Program

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) has adopted emergency amendments to the Hospital Licensing Requirements (77 Ill. Adm. Code 250 et seq.), (July 7 [Illinois Register](#), pages 9134 to 9147). The emergency amendments, which are now effective, extend the hospital at home program flexibilities that were made available under federal law through the end of 2024.

The hospital at home program started during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a regulatory flexibility by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as IDPH. Due to its popularity, Congress extended the program through the end of 2024 via the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023](#). Through IHA's advocacy efforts, IDPH and the Hospital Licensing Board agreed to extend these flexibilities at the state level as well. The emergency rules adopted by IDPH mirror the rules for the hospital at home program that were in place during the public health emergency.

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