

## CHAPTER 2. LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

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### LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES

The State of Michigan and the federal government have enacted specific minimum standards for the operation of certain health care facilities in Michigan. State standards are found in [Article 17 of the Michigan Public Health Code](#) and administrative rules enacted under the Code. State standards must be met in order to obtain and keep a license to operate the facility. Federal standards are also imposed on those facilities that choose to participate in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs. The Bureau regulates the following facilities and agencies that are required to be licensed in Michigan and required to meet certification standards if they participate in Medicare and/or Medicaid:

- Nursing homes (including county medical care facilities and hospital long-term care units)
- Hospitals and psychiatric facilities/units
- Hospices and hospice residences
- Freestanding surgical outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgery centers
- Clinical laboratories
- ICF/MR

The Bureau also regulates the following facilities that are not required to be licensed in Michigan but are required to meet certification standards if they participate in Medicare and/or Medicaid:

- Home health agencies
- End-stage renal disease (kidney dialysis) facilities
- Outpatient rehabilitation facilities
- Portable x-ray providers
- Rural health clinics

Part of Michigan's licensure laws establish a Resident Bill of Rights which is found in Section 20201 of the Public Health Code, [MCL 333.20201](#).

Any person may ask whether a provider is currently licensed, or obtain a copy of the most recent survey report of a specific licensed facility by writing to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Systems, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

A person may also obtain a copy of licensure rules or certification requirements for any facility type by writing to the above address. Licensure rules are also available on the Internet through the Bureau of Health Systems' website, <http://www.michigan.gov/bhs>, [Health Care Facilities and Programs; Nursing Homes & Long Term Care Units; General Information, Nursing Home Laws and Regulations]. Federal regulations for Medicare or Medicaid certified facilities are available at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>, Regulations.