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HB 2625: residential care institutions; inspections

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Overview

Adds a *residential care institution* to the list of entities from which the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) cannot accept an accreditation report instead of a compliance inspection.

History

Current law defines *Residential Care Institution* as a health care institution that provides resident beds and supervisory or personal care services, behavioral health, directed care or health-related services for persons not needing continuous nursing services. *Residential Care Institution* does not include a hospital or a nursing care institution ([A.R.S. § 36-424](#)).

The Director of DHS must inspect the premises of each health care institution and investigate the applicant's character and qualifications to ensure compliance with DHS statutes and administrative rules. The Director may in certain circumstances accept an accreditation report in lieu of a compliance inspection upon receiving a report for the licensure period and the health care institution accreditation by an independent, nonprofit organization approved by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ([A.R.S. § 36-424](#)).

Statute prohibits the Director from accepting an accreditation report instead of a compliance inspection from an intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disabilities; or a health care institution that was under enforcement action in the preceding year ([A.R.S. § 36-424](#)).

Provisions

1. Stipulates that the Director of DHS cannot accept an accreditation report instead of a compliance inspection for a *residential care institution*. (Sec. 1)
2. Clarifies *institution* as a health care institution. (Sec. 1)

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