

CHAPTER 43A

MANUAL OF STANDARDS FOR LICENSING OF
AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES

Authority

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Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 43A, Manual Standards for Licensing of Ambulatory Care Facilities, expires on May 20, 2007.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 43A, Ambulatory Care Facilities, was adopted as R.1976 d.165, effective May 26, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 117(a), 8 N.J.R. 282(b).

The expiration date for Subchapter 14 was extended by R.1979 d.489, effective December 14, 1979. See: 11 N.J.R. 547(a), 12 N.J.R. 16(b).

The expiration date for Subchapter 14 was further extended by R.1980 d.273. See: 12 N.J.R. 407(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order 66(1978), Chapter 43A, Ambulatory Care Facilities, was readopted as R.1983 d.427, effective October 3, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 994(a), 15 N.J.R. 1662(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 43A, Ambulatory Care Facilities, was readopted as R.1984 d.497, filed October 18, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2208(a), 16 N.J.R. 3031(a).

Chapter 43A, Ambulatory Care Facilities, was repealed and Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Ambulatory Care Facilities, was adopted as new rules by R.1985 d.438, effective September 3, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3254(a), 17 N.J.R. 2110(b).

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 19 N.J.R. 306(d), 19 N.J.R. 570(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66 (1978), Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Ambulatory Care Facilities, was readopted as R.1990 d.416, effective July 27, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 1496(a), 22 N.J.R. 2507(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66 (1978), Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Ambulatory Care Facilities, was readopted as R.1993 d.443, effective August 16, 1993, and Subchapters 1 through 11 and 13 through 19 were repealed and new Subchapters 1 through 11 and 13 through 29 were adopted by R.1993 d.443, effective September 7, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 757(b), 25 N.J.R. 4140(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Ambulatory Care Facilities, expired on August 16, 1998.

Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Ambulatory Care Facilities, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.535, effective November 16, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 2558(a), 30 N.J.R. 4070(c).

Administrative correction. See: 31 N.J.R. 54(a).

Subchapter 30, Radiation Oncology, was adopted as new rules by R.2000 d.376, effective September 18, 2000. See: 31 N.J.R. 2729(a), 32 N.J.R. 3459(b).

Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Ambulatory Care Facilities, expired on November 16, 2001.

Chapter 43A, Manual of Standards for Licensing of Ambulatory Care Facilities, was adopted as new rules by R.2002 d.142, effective May 20, 2002. See: Source and Effective Date.

Administrative correction. See: 34 N.J.R. 3022(a).

Subchapter 24, Renal Dialysis, was repealed and adopted as new rule, and Subchapter 32, Other Services, was adopted as new rule by R.2005 d.278, effective September 6, 2005. See: 37 N.J.R. 699(a), 37 N.J.R. 3348(a).

Subchapter 33, Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations, was adopted as new rules by R.2007 d.106, effective April 16, 2007. See: 38 N.J.R. 4154(a), 39 N.J.R. 1480(a).

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