Sec. 21411. (1) Except as provided in subsection (5), a hospice or hospice residence shall be licensed as required under this article.

(2) The term "hospice" shall not be used to describe or refer to a health program or agency unless that program or agency is licensed as a hospice by the department as required under this article or is exempted from licensure as provided in subsection (5).

(3) A person shall not represent itself as a hospice residence unless that person is licensed as a hospice residence by the department as required under this article.

(4) A hospital, nursing home, home for the aged, county medical care facility, or any other health facility or agency that operates a hospice or hospice residence shall be licensed as a hospice or hospice residence under this article.

(5) A hospice is exempt from licensure under this article if the hospice meets all of the following requirements:
   (a) Provides services to not more than 7 patients per month on a yearly average.
   (b) Does not charge or receive fees for goods or services provided.
   (c) Does not receive third party reimbursement for goods or services provided.

(6) If a hospice provides inpatient services that meet the definition of a hospital, nursing home, home for the aged, county medical care facility, hospice residence, or other health facility or agency, the hospice or hospice residence shall obtain a separate license as required under this article for that hospital, nursing home, home for the aged, county medical care facility, hospice residence, or other health facility or agency.

(7) This part does not restrict an activity of a health facility or agency if the activity is permitted under the license held by that health facility or agency.

(8) If separate licensure is required under this section, the department may conduct inspections and issue the required licenses concurrently.


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