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Section 61-17.1500.1503@ Licensed Bed Capacity During An Emergency (II)

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### **A.**

A facility desiring to temporarily admit residents in excess of its licensed bed capacity due to an emergency shall: 1. Request that the Department concur that an emergency situation exists by contacting the Department; 2. Determine the maximum number of residents to be temporarily admitted; 3. Establish an anticipated date for discharge of the temporary residents; 4. Outline how and where the temporary residents will be housed; and 5. Contact the county emergency preparedness agency to advise of additional residents.

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**B.**

The facility shall not require the residents temporarily admitted during the emergency situation to undergo tuberculin screening or submit to an admission history and physical examination.

**C.**

The facility shall notify the Department when the resident census has returned to, or moves below, normal bed capacity by discharge or transfer to licensed beds.

**D.**

If the event occurs after normal business hours, the facility shall contact the Department promptly during the next business day.

**E.**

The facility shall resolve in advance all other issues related to the temporary residents (for example, staff, physician orders, additional food, and handling of medications) by memorandum of agreements, internal policies and procedures, and emergency planning documents.