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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 2@ Acute Psychiatric Hospital

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Article 2@ License

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Section 71127@ Program Flexibility

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(a)

All hospitals shall maintain continuous compliance with the licensing requirements. These requirements do not prohibit the use of alternate concepts, methods, procedures, techniques, equipment, personnel qualifications or the conducting of pilot projects provided such exceptions are carried out with the provisions for safe and adequate care and with the prior written approval of the Department. Such approval shall provide for the terms and conditions under which the exception is granted. A written request plus supporting evidence shall be submitted by the applicant or licensee to the Department.

(b)

Special exceptions may be granted under this section for hospitals required to provide services and accommodations for persons who may have dangerous propensities necessitating special precautions, personnel with special qualifications, locked accommodations, special protection for windows, type and location of lighting and plumbing fixtures, signal systems, control switches, beds and other furnishing. This applies to psychiatric units and detention facilities where added protection is necessary for patients, staff members and members of the public.

(c)

Any approval of the Department granted under this section, or a true copy

thereof, shall be posted immediately adjacent to the facility's license that is required to be posted by Section 71121.