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HOUSE BILL NO. 1029

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Department of Health

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to repeal the definition for a rural primary care hospital and
2 to provide for a definition of a critical access hospital.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That subdivision (8) of § 34-12-1.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 (8) ~~"Rural primary care hospital," any hospital which has limited acute inpatient services,~~
6 ~~focusing on ambulatory, primary, and preventive care and which has in effect an~~
7 ~~agreement with a general hospital that provides emergency and medical backup~~
8 ~~services and accepts patient referrals from the rural primary care hospital. A rural~~
9 ~~primary care hospital shall provide emergency care on a twenty-four hour basis~~
10 "Critical access hospital," any nonprofit or public hospital providing emergency care
11 on a twenty-four hour basis located in a rural area which has limited acute inpatient
12 services, focusing on primary and preventive care, and which has in effect an
13 agreement with a general hospital that provides emergency and medical backup
14 services and accepts patient referrals from the critical access hospital; and

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