

## **LICENSURE OF OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITIES**

Please be advised that section 19a-493(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes mandates that entities currently providing services in physician offices or similar settings be licensed as an outpatient surgical facility by March 30, 2007 by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

An outpatient surgical facility is defined as an entity, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or association, other than a hospital, engaged in providing surgical services or diagnostic procedures for human health conditions that include the use of moderate or deep sedation, moderate or deep analgesia or general anesthesia, as such levels of anesthesia are defined from time to time by the American Society of Anesthesiologists, or by such other professional or accrediting entity recognized by DPH.

An outpatient surgical facility shall not include a medical office owned and operated exclusively by a person or persons licensed pursuant to section 20-13 of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided such medical office:

1. Has no operating room or designated surgical area;
2. Bills no facility fees to third party payers;
3. Administers no deep sedation or general anesthesia;
4. Performs only minor surgical procedures incidental to the work performed in said medical office of the physician or physicians that own and operate such medical office; and,
5. Uses only light or moderate sedation or analgesia in connection with such incidental minor surgical procedures.

DPH strongly recommends that any entity defined in this statute begin the licensure process immediately. Many of the existing entities may not be able to meet the physical environment requirements; therefore, it will be necessary for DPH to consider waivers for these facilities. If a license is applied for and renovations to the existing facility are necessary, licenses may not be granted within the timeframe identified in section 19a-493(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

In accordance with section 19a-491(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, a biennial licensing and inspection fee is required for the issuance of the facility's license. The licensing fee is \$500.00. Acceptable forms of payment include a check, draft or money order made payable to the Treasurer, State of Connecticut.

Please be advised that services may not be provided until they are inspected and approved by DPH.

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Application materials may be located at DPH's website which is [www.dph.state.ct.us](http://www.dph.state.ct.us) and by clicking on Licensure/Renewal. Questions regarding application materials may be directed to Rose McLellan at (860) 509-7400. Questions regarding the regulations may be directed to Ann Marie Montemerlo at (860) 509-7400. Questions regarding a Certificate of Need may be directed to either Sue Cole or Kim Martone at the Office of Health Care Access (OCHA). Ms. Cole and Ms. Martone can be reached at (860) 418-7001.