



CORRECTION LEGAL NOTICE OF SMALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PILOT PROGRAM ACTION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR RECONSIDERATION

August 3, 2026

On **August 3, 2026**, the State Health Officer issued **Forrest General Hospital d/b/a Highland Community Hospital** an exemption under the Small Community Hospital Pilot Program for **Establishment of Six (6) Bed Adolescent Psychiatric Unit**, pursuant to House Bill 1622, as amended by Senate Bill 2474, 2026 Regular Session.

The Department subsequently determined that notice of this action was not timely posted on the Department's website. This notice is being published to correct that administrative omission.

The underlying decision of the State Health Officer remains dated **August 3, 2026**, and this corrective notice does not constitute the issuance of a new exemption or otherwise alter the substantive terms of the exemption previously issued.

Section 1(6) of House Bill 1622, as amended by Section 8(6) of Senate Bill 2474, provides that a person or entity wishing to challenge issuance of an exemption may request reconsideration by the State Health Officer within seven (7) calendar days of the decision.

Because contemporaneous public notice of this decision was inadvertently omitted, the Department will accept a written request for reconsideration concerning this exemption if received no later than **September 17, 2026**. This corrective opportunity is provided to ensure that interested person(s) are afforded a meaningful opportunity to exercise the reconsideration procedure established by law and should not be construed as the issuance of a new exemption or a modification of the original decision.

Any timely request for reconsideration will be addressed by the State Health Officer in accordance with applicable law and procedures.

Original Decision Date: August 3, 2026

Corrective Notice Publication Date: September 10, 2026

Deadline for Corrective Reconsideration Request: September 17, 2026

Authority: H.B. 1622 § 1(6), as amended by S.B. 2474 § 8(6), 2026 Regular Session.

For more information, please call the Division of Health Planning and Resource Development at (601) 364-5789.