

**144.555 HOSPITAL CLOSINGS; PATIENT RELOCATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Notice of closing or curtailing service.** If a facility licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 voluntarily plans to cease operations or to curtail operations to the extent that patients or residents must be relocated, the controlling persons of the facility must notify the commissioner of health at least 90 days before the scheduled cessation or curtailment. The commissioner shall cooperate with the controlling persons and advise them about relocating the patients or residents.

Subd. 2. **Penalty.** Failure to notify the commissioner under subdivision 1 may result in issuance of a correction order under section 144.653, subdivision 5.

**History:** 1987 c 209 s 22