

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 5**

**Chapter 1. General Acute Care Hospitals**

**Article 6. Supplemental Services**

The proposed regulations clarify and interpret California Health and Safety Code Section 1255 (the "Code") to establish certain standards for the limited expansion of cardiac catheterization laboratory service.

The purpose of the adopted regulations is to allow a general acute care hospital that satisfies the statutory requirements to provide cardiac catheterization services in an expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space. Such laboratory space will be separated from the general acute care hospital by an enclosed, all-weather passageway.

Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State of California

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Creation of New or Elimination of Existing Businesses Within the State of California

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Benefits of the Regulations

Anticipated benefits, including nonmonetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the environment, the prevention of discrimination, or the promotion of fairness or social equity, from this proposed regulatory action are:

- Additional cardiac catheterization laboratory space will provide greater access for patients to these potentially life-saving procedures.
- Increased access to cardiac catheterization procedures to both patients with emergent needs and those seeking diagnostic services.
- Patients seeking diagnostic services will receive the diagnostic services they need before their health issues worsen.
- Positive patient outcomes.