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§16B-8-3. Hospices to obtain license; application; fees and inspections.

(a) The Inspector General designates the Director of the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification to enforce the provisions of this article, except where otherwise state.

(b) No person, partnership, association, or corporation or any governmental unit or any division, department, board, or agency thereof may operate a hospice without first obtaining a license from the director in accordance with the provisions of this article and the rules lawfully promulgated hereunder.

(c) Any person, partnership, association, or corporation or any governmental unit or any division, department, board, or agency thereof desiring a license hereunder shall file with the director an application in such form as the director shall prescribe and furnish accompanied by a fee to be determined by the director, based upon the number of persons served by the hospice. The director shall inspect the hospice prior to issuing a license. Upon receipt and review of an application for license, the director shall issue a license if the hospice is in compliance with the provisions of this article and with the rules lawfully promulgated hereunder. The license is not transferable or assignable.

(d) A license shall expire one year from the date of issuance. Sixty days prior to the expiration date, an application for renewal shall be submitted on forms furnished by the director. A license shall be renewed if the director determines that the applicant is in compliance with this article and with all rules promulgated hereunder.

(e) The director or his or her designee shall inspect all hospices that are subject to rules adopted pursuant to this article periodically and at least as often as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order to determine compliance with the provisions of this article and with rules adopted hereunder, and regulations promulgated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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