

To: Licensed Hospitals

From: Medical Facilities Service – Facility Services

Date: November 1, 2022

Re: Hospital Bed Designation

Dear Administrator:

The Commissioner of Health, Keith Reed MPH, CPH, has acknowledged the challenges that hospitals have in reference to assuring hospital beds are available for pediatric patients due to the increased risk of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) prevalence.

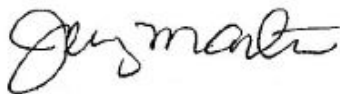
In order to support the ability for a hospital to safely care for patients; the licensing authority will allow temporary flexibility to hospital bed designation, as needed. Please note: there are **no fees** associated with flexing due to pediatric bed capacity and availability.

A hospital that has identified the need to flex beds from their documented designation should provide written notice to the licensing authority.

Please submit documents to Medical Facilities attention Facility Services by email at [medicalfacilities@health.ok.gov](mailto:medicalfacilities@health.ok.gov):

If there are any questions, please contact Facility Services at 405-426-8470 or by email at [medicalfacilities@health.ok.gov](mailto:medicalfacilities@health.ok.gov).

Sincerely,



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