

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS, AND
HUMAN SERVICES

BILL NO. 32-0245

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 17, 2018

An Act amending Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 15, section 221 to define urgent care facilities and stand-alone facilities and section 223 to except urgent care facilities from the requirement of getting a certificate of need and mandating that these entities must accept MAP, Medicare and uninsured patients

PROPOSED BY: Senators Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly and Kurt A. Violet

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 15, section 221 is amended
by:

(1) inserting appropriately numbered paragraphs to read as follows:

“() ‘Urgent care facility’ means a facility outside of a hospital which provides
medical care and services to people with urgent but not serious medical problems. They
are alternatives to emergency rooms.

() ‘Stand-alone facility’ means a facility that furnishes health care services
which is neither integrated with, nor is a department of a hospital and is physically
separate and freestanding.”; and

(2) renumbering all the paragraphs in alphabetical order.”

SECTION 2. Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 15, section 223 is amended at the beginning of the section by striking “No” and inserting “Excepted as provided in subsection (b), no” and by designating the current language as subsection (a); and adding subsection (b) to read as follows: “(b) An urgent care facility may operate as a stand-alone facility without a certificate of need, but must comply with all other applicable laws of the Territory and the regulations of the Commissioner and must accept MAP, Medicare and uninsured patients.”

BILL SUMMARY

This bill allows Urgent Care facilities to operate as stand-alone facilities; exempts them from having to get a certificate of need and requires these facilities to accept MAP, Medicare and uninsured patients.

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