**Section 1235.200 Introduction**

One of the stated goals of the Act is to *prohibit patient referrals to entities providing health services in which the referring health care worker has an investment interest*. [225 ILCS 47/5] This provision can be tempered through the use of an exception for community need. A community need can be segmented into two principal components: need for a particular service and the existence and availability of alternative financing. An applicant for a community need exception must document compliance with both principal components.

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