

Community Hospital Replacement Legislation (SF3674/ HF3817)

To better meet the growing health care needs of our community, Lakeview Hospital has plans to construct a new campus in Stillwater, including expanded capacity and advanced critical care capabilities as well as specialized centers for heart, cancer and orthopedic care.

Lakeview is currently licensed for 97 inpatient beds but is operating just 70 due to current facility constraints.

Our proposal:

- We're asking for an amendment to Minnesota Statutes Section 144.551, Subdivision 1(b)(10), which allows any hospital with 130 bed licenses or less to transfer up to 70 bed licenses to a replacement facility within five miles.
- Bill SF3674/HF3817 would simply change this existing **70-bed transfer limit to 100** and would allow Lakeview to maintain all of our current bed licenses at a new campus.

Why it matters:

This change gives smaller hospitals across the state the ability to adapt and grow more easily – ensuring we're always providing the best care and service to our communities.

The ability to move and use all 97 of our licensed beds at a new Lakeview Hospital campus is essential:

- **Demographic shift:** The 65+ population in our area is expected to grow by 20% over the next five years. This aging demographic will significantly increase the demand for complex and critical care services, which often require longer hospital stays and more intensive treatments.
- **Capacity strain:** Lakeview's average daily census is on the rise, causing our operating rooms and care facilities to be increasingly strained for space at our current capacity.
- **Regional health care needs:** There is a persistent local and regional demand for additional health care capacity, higher levels of care and specialty services. Nearby system hospitals in western Wisconsin require support from Lakeview to meet growing population needs without duplicating programs and services.
- **Critical care and Level 1 Trauma decompression:** Regions Hospital, our in-system tertiary center, must be able to redistribute appropriate care to Lakeview. This will ensure the hospital can continue to meet the needs of its own community while also providing the highest levels of specialized care, including Level 1 trauma and burn services, for the region.

About Lakeview Hospital



Lakeview Hospital has provided high-quality care for Stillwater and the St. Croix Valley since 1880. As part of HealthPartners, Lakeview is also connected to a comprehensive care system and multi-specialty group practice that serves 1.2 million patients across Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Lakeview is a Level III trauma center and one of the best-equipped in the area. Other highly specialized services include a breast health center, cardiac catheterization lab and Level II special care nursery.

2023 by the numbers:

- **Admissions: 3,939**
- **Emergency Center visits: 18,969**
- **Newborn deliveries: 681**
- **Full-time-equivalents (FTEs): 760**
- **Physicians with privileges: 653**

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