



**Matrix Chart for Innovative Hospital Models:  
Micro-hospital, Outpatient Emergency Department, Tele-emergency Department**

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	<b>Micro-Hospital</b>	<b>Outpatient Emergency Department (OED)</b>	<b>Tele-Emergency Department (tele-ED)</b>
<b>Stand-alone facility</b>	<p>Possibly.</p> <p>A micro-hospital could be a stand-alone licensed hospital or could be a campus of a licensed hospital. Please contact your DAAC Field Office if you have questions about whether a facility is eligible for licensure or a campus designation.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>An OED must be an outpatient department of a licensed hospital.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>A tele-ED is an emergency department model for use in an eligible rural hospital.</p>
<b>Eligible locations</b>	<p>No limits on eligible location.</p>	<p>Rural areas only.</p> <p>A rural area is any area not included in an “urbanized area” as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau based on the 2010 decennial census.</p>	<p>Rural areas only.</p> <p>A rural area is any area not included in an “urbanized area” as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau based on the 2010 decennial census.</p>
<b>Inpatient beds on-site</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A minimum of 10 inpatient beds on-site, regardless of whether a</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The tele-ED guidance extends only to operation of the</p>

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	licensed hospital itself or a campus of a licensed hospital.		emergency department. Other hospital services, including inpatient services, are not addressed. Hospitals would continue to operate under existing regulatory requirements for inpatient services.
<b>ED treatment rooms</b>	Yes.  A minimum of 10 ED treatment rooms.	Yes.  A minimum of 10 ED treatment rooms	Yes.  No minimum prescribed in guidance, but the scope of the ED services must be consistent with the scope of other services provided by the hospital.
<b>Physician on-site 24/7</b>	Yes.	Yes.	No.  The tele-ED will be staffed by Advanced Practice Practitioners (APP) credentialed and privileged in emergency medicine and a physician will be immediately



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			available 24/7 through telemedicine.
<b>Physician on-call 24/7</b>	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
<b>EMS can transport to the ED</b>	Yes.	Yes.	Yes, upon approval from a medical command physician.  Hospitals operating with a tele-ED will not meet the requirements of a Medical Command Facility.
<b>Exception request required</b>	Generally, no.  Implementation of the model by itself in accordance with the guidance does not require an exception request, but there may be other instances in which a hospital may be seeking an exception from a regulatory requirement. Please contact the DAAC Central Office if you have questions about whether an	Generally, no.  Implementation of the model by itself in accordance with the guidance does not require an exception request, but there may be other instances in which a hospital may be seeking an exception from a regulatory requirement. Please contact the DAAC Central Office if you have questions about whether an	Yes.  Hospitals will complete an <a href="#">exception request form</a> to operate a tele-ED. Please consult the Department's <a href="#">website</a> or DAAC's Central Office for additional information on the exceptions process.



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