



CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS

STATE STATUTE IC-16-27-2

Dear Applicant or Agency:

This letter sets forth the requirements for criminal history checks that **employees** and **owners** of agencies must meet in order to participate as a licensed home health agency in the state of Indiana. Review the State Statute IC 16-27-2 to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

To be in compliance to operate a home health agency all owners and employees must have a national criminal history background or expanded criminal history check. It is the responsibility of the agency to review the employment history and place of residence(s) of employees and owners. If the Department conducts a survey the Department will request information to verify that the agency is in compliance with State Statute IC 16-27-2. If the agency is using an entity other than the Indiana State Police for the search ensure the criminal history check indicates the search period is for the individual's lifetime.

Prior to submitting your initial application, change of ownership application or staff/officer/owner changes to the Department ensure that applicant agency will be in compliance with State Statute IC 16-27-2-3, IC 16-27-2-4, IC 16-27-2-5 Criminal History Checks on employees and officers/owners.

A national criminal history check or expanded criminal history check, as explained in IC 16-27-2, must be completed on the owners, officers, administrator, nursing supervisor, and alternates and included in the initial or change of ownership application. If there are any changes in owners, officers and administrative staff after receiving the initial license the agency must submit these changes to the Department on agency's letterhead along with applicable criminal history check.

Owners Criminal History Checks

The Indiana Code at 16-27-2-3 specifies that an owner or operator may not operate a home health agency if the person has been convicted of any of the following: rape, criminal deviate conduct, exploitation of an endangered adult, failure to report battery, neglect or exploitation of an endangered adult, or theft.

Employees Criminal Checks

The Indiana Code at 16-27-2-5 specifies that a person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent resident if that person's national criminal history check or expanded criminal history check indicates that the person has been convicted of any of the following: rape, criminal deviate conduct, exploitation of an endangered adult, failure to report battery, neglect or exploitation of an endangered adult, or theft.

Indiana State Police National Criminal History Checks

To receive information on how to request a national check access the **Indiana State Police** website at www.in.gov/isp and click on inkless. If you have problems accessing the **Indiana State Police** website or cannot find the answer to your question in the FAQs call 317-234-2717 or 317-233-5037 for assistance.



Review Criminal History State Statute IC 16-27-2

Criminal History Checks Defined

- ✓ The agency shall submit current copies of criminal history for the administrator, alternate administrator, nursing supervisor, alternate nursing supervisor, and officers/owners
- ✓ Ensure that the agency conducts a national criminal history or an expanded criminal history check on all employees. Review IC 16-27-2 on criminal history checks for the requirements to operate a home health agency in Indiana.
- ✓ The criminal history search must be a lifetime search not limited in years.
- ✓ The expanded criminal history check and national criminal history checks are defined as:
 - ❖ **IC 16-27-2-0.5 –Expanded Criminal History Check Defined**
Sec.0.5. Expanded Criminal History Check means a criminal history check of an individual, obtained through a private agency that includes the following:
 - (1) A search of the records maintained by all counties in Indiana in which the individual who is the subject of the background check resided.
 - (2) A search of the records maintained by all counties or similar governmental units in another state, if the individual who is the subject of the background check resided in another state.

Ensure an “expanded criminal history” check is conducted for the individual’s lifetime. If an individual has been convicted of rape, criminal deviate conduct, exploitation of an endangered adult or failure to report battery, neglect, or exploitation or endangered adult the individual MAY NOT operate a home health agency or employ a person to provide services in a patient’s temporary or permanent residence. Refer to IC 16-27-2-3 and IC 16-27-2-5.

❖ **IC 16-27-2-2.1 –National Criminal History Background Check Defined**

Sec.2.1. National Criminal History Background Check means the determination provided by the State Police Department under IC 10-13-3-39(i).

Owners Criminal History Checks – IC-27-2-3

Operation of home health agency or personal services agency; prohibition; criminal conviction

Sec.3. (a) A person may not operate a home health agency or personal service agency if the person has been convicted of any of the following:

- (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- (2) Criminal Deviate conduct (IC 53-42-4-2).
- (3) Exploitation of an endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-12).
- (4) Failure to report battery, neglect, or exploitation of an endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-13).
- (5) Theft (IC 35-43-4), if the person's conviction for theft occurred less than ten (10) years before the date of submission by the person of an application for licensure as a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or as a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.10. Amended by P.L. 178-1993, SEC.5; P.L.212-2005, SEC.13.

Employees Criminal History Checks – IC-16-27-2-4

Employees; criminal history

Sec.4. (a) A person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 shall apply, not more than three (3) business days after the date that an employee begins to provide services in a patient's temporary or permanent residence, for a copy of the employee's criminal history check.

(d) A home health agency or personal services agency may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent residence for more than three (3) business days without applying for a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.10. Amended by P.L.178-1993, SEC.6; P.L.146-1996, SEC 4; P.L.148-1997, SEC.1; P.L.2-2003, SEC.48; P.L.212-2005, SEC.14; P.L.197-2007, SEC.9; P.L.177-2009, SEC.5.; P.L.84-2010, SEC.4. Amended 2016 session.

Employees Criminal Conviction – IC-16-27-2-5

Employees; prohibition; criminal conviction

Sec.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who operates a home health agency under IC 16-27-1 or a personal services agency under IC 16-27-4 may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent residence if that person's national criminal history background check, or expanded criminal history check indicates that the person has been convicted of any of the following:

- (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- (2) Criminal Deviate conduct (IC 53-42-4-2).
- (3) Exploitation of an endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-12).
- (4) Failure to report battery, neglect, or exploitation of an endangered adult (IC 35-46-1-13).
- (5) Theft (IC 35-43-4), if the conviction for theft occurred less than ten (10) years before the person's employment application date.
- (6) A felony that is substantially equivalent to a felony listed in:
 - (A) subdivisions (1) through (4); or
 - (B) subdivisions (5), if the conviction for theft occurred less than ten (10) years before the person's employment application date; for which the conviction was entered in another state.

(b) A home health agency or personal services agency may not employ a person to provide services in a patient's or client's temporary or permanent residence for more than twenty-one (21) calendar days without receipt of that person's national criminal history background check or expanded criminal history check, required by section 4 of this chapter, unless the state police department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation under IC 10-13-3-39, or the private agency providing the expanded criminal history check is responsible for failing to provide the person's national criminal history background check or expanded criminal history check to the home health agency or personal services agency within the time required under the subsection.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC. 10. Amended by P.L.178-1993, SEC.7; P.L.148-1997, SEC.2; P.L.2-2003, SEC.49; P.L.212-2005, SEC.15; P.L.197-2007, SEC.10; P.L.134-2008, SEC.12; P.L.177-2009, SEC.6; P.L.84-2010, SEC.5. Amended 2016 session