

MEMORANDUM

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Statewide Design and Engineering Services Division

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SUBJECT: Day Medical Clinic Signs

We have created a new sign program for "Day Medical Clinics". It is intended to enhance public safety by providing direction to medical clinics at locations where there are no nearby hospitals. It requires business hours to be posted to avoid drawing people to closed facilities in emergencies.

The program has been reviewed by the regional traffic engineers and approved by the FHWA.

The Community Health and Emergency Medical Services Section of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has agreed to maintain a list of eligible facilities.

I have attached:

1. proposed text for the Alaska Traffic Manual Supplement and;
2. a proposed sign design to be included in the Alaska Sign Design Specifications.

These modifications will be included in the next revisions of the manuals. However, please make the signs available by permit in your region now. They will be added to the ROWDyS electronic permitting system in the next few days.

Thank you.

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Section 2D.100b Day Medical Clinic Sign (D9-206)

This is a new section. There is no corresponding section in the MUTCD.

Standard:

On state highways, these signs shall be installed by permit only. The applicant shall pay all material and installation costs. To be eligible for a permit, a medical clinic shall:

- 1. be on the approved Alaska medical clinic list maintained by the Community Health and Emergency Services Section of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services;**
- 2. be located at least ten miles away from any hospital;**
- 3. have at least one mid-level practitioner or physician on duty during all business hours;**
- 4. be open regular hours and at least 30 hours per week;**
- 5. be within 5 miles of the highway on which the sign is placed;**
- 6. not be visible to motorists before they are within 1250 feet of the driveway or road leading to the clinic;**
- 7. have no advertising signs that are a) visible to motorists before they are within 1250 feet of the driveway or road leading to the clinic and b) illegal;**
- 8. agree to post and maintain accurate business hours on the sign.**

No business names or icons shall be shown on the signs.

For safety reasons, these signs must display correct business hours. Never show signs with inaccurate hours. Change, remove, or cover signs immediately when hours become inaccurate. Medical clinics are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of posted business hours.

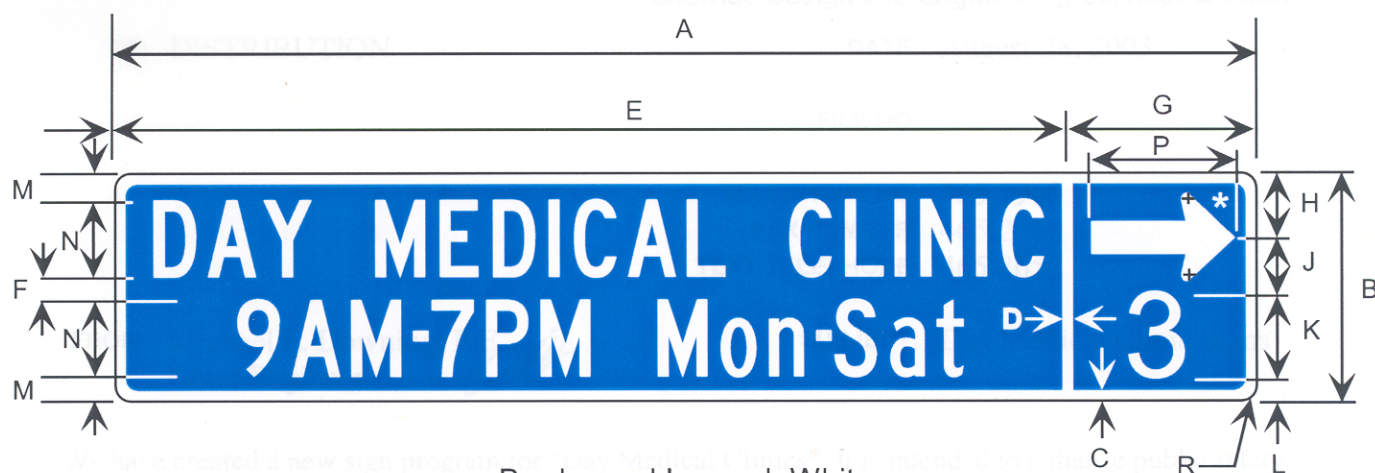
Option:

Time change revisions may be made by fastening a plate made of the same material as the original sign over the hours and days shown on the original sign.

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We have created a new sign program for the Medical Clinics intended to enhance public safety by providing direction to medical facilities. Since many communities do not have nearby hospitals, it requires business hours to be posted to avoid confusion and delays in emergencies.

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*See Appendix B-7 for Standard Arrow Details.

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