

LEGISLATIVE BILL 387

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Introduced by Horgan, 4

AN ACT relating to hospitals; to state intent; to define terms; to require a diagnosis code on hospital uniform billing forms; to provide for the submission and classification of data; and to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the cost of injury and the deaths associated with injury are of a vital concern to the health of the residents of the State of Nebraska. The Legislature further finds that the availability of reliable injury data is necessary in order to provide for the protection and promotion of the health of the residents of the state. It is the intent of the Legislature to assist in and encourage injury prevention by requiring that specific data relating to injuries be available to health care professionals and analysts in order that such data be utilized for research, analytical, and statistical purposes.

Sec. 2. For purposes of this act:

(1) Hospital shall have the meaning found in section 71-2017.01; and

(2) Hospital uniform billing form shall mean the Health Care Financing Administration claim form number 1450 mandated for the medicare program pursuant to sections 1814(a)(2) and 1871 of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, developed by the National Uniform Billing Committee and commonly referred to as the uniform billing claim form number 92.

Sec. 3. Beginning on January 1, 1994, each hospital in this state shall provide a diagnosis code for the external cause of an injury, poisoning, or adverse effect for every patient discharged from a hospital, receiving outpatient services, or released from observation for whom such a code would be appropriate. The diagnosis code shall be used in addition to other codes required under federal or state statute, rule, or regulation. The diagnosis code shall be the same as the code required by the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification System, or its most recent revision, and shall be entered on the hospital uniform billing form.

Sec. 4. For each hospital uniform billing form on which a diagnosis code for the external cause of an injury, poisoning, or adverse effect is entered pursuant to section 3 of this act, each hospital in this state may submit data to the Department of Health beginning January 1, 1994, and shall submit data to the department beginning January 1, 1995. Such data shall be submitted quarterly and shall include, but not be limited to, the diagnosis code for the external cause of an injury, poisoning, or

adverse effect, other diagnosis codes, the procedure codes, admission date, discharge date, disposition code, and demographic data to include, but not be limited to, the birthdate, sex, city and county of residence, and zip code of residence for every patient discharged from a hospital, receiving outpatient services, or released from observation for whom a diagnosis code for the external cause of an injury, poisoning, or adverse effect is recorded pursuant to section 3 of this act. This data shall be submitted to the department in written or computer form. The data provided to the department under this section shall be classified for release as determined by the department only in aggregate data reports created by the department on a periodic basis or at the request of an individual. Such aggregate data reports shall be considered public documents.

Sec. 5. The Department of Health shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the recordation, acquisition, compilation, and dissemination of all data collected pursuant to this act.