

HB 626 -- Health Care Data Collection

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This bill changes the laws regarding the collection and reporting of health care data by hospitals. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to collect data on the 100 most common conditions and procedures for hospitals beginning April 1, 2006;
- (2) Requires the department to establish, by rule, a list of the 100 most common inpatient and outpatient conditions and procedures for hospitals by March 1, 2006;
- (3) Requires the department to convene a group of technical experts to assist with compiling the list of common conditions and procedures;
- (4) Requires the department to promulgate rules specifying requirements for the collection and reporting of data about health care conditions by July 1, 2006;
- (5) Specifies that hospitals must provide charge data and financial data to the department at least once a year;
- (6) Requires hospitals to provide patient abstract data within 30 days of the end of each quarter for each person who was admitted to the hospital or who received outpatient or emergency care;
- (7) Requires the collection, compilation, analysis, and dissemination of information obtained by the department from hospitals to be done in a way that protects patient confidentiality and privacy;
- (8) Allows the department to authorize the use of patient abstract data by specified groups or individuals and allows the department to determine fees for providing access to the data;
- (9) Requires the department, by July 1, 2006, to make available on its web site information about performance outcomes using the patient outcome data, an explanation of the data, and educational information about each condition or procedure;
- (10) Specifies that the failure of hospitals to report data to the department may result in sanctions to the hospital's license; and

(11) Establishes the Missouri Adverse Health Care Event Reporting Act of 2005, which requires the department, by July 1, 2006, to establish an adverse health event reporting system for hospitals to report the occurrence of any of the specified adverse health care events, patient prevention events, care management events, environmental events, and criminal events.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.