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CHAPTER 36

# HOUSE BILL 2150

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-125.05, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE UNIFORM  
PATIENT REPORTING SYSTEM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-125.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 36-125.05. Uniform patient reporting system; statistical and  
5 demographic reports; exemption

6 A. The department shall prescribe and implement a uniform patient  
7 reporting system for hospital inpatient and emergency department services.  
8 The requirements imposed for this reporting system shall be substantially the  
9 same as the uniform billing requirements prescribed by the ~~federal~~ UNITED  
10 STATES department of health and human services pursuant to titles XVIII and  
11 XIX of the social security act, as amended (42 United States Code sections  
12 1395 through 1395pp), whether or not the effective date for the federal  
13 billing system is after January 31, 1984.

14 B. The department shall require hospitals to report inpatient  
15 statistical data designed to promote cost containment as the department  
16 determines. These data shall be derivable from the data obtained under the  
17 uniform patient reporting system prescribed by subsection A and, for all  
18 inpatient services, shall include the following:

- 19 1. The number of confinements.
- 20 2. The average length of stay.
- 21 3. The average charge per day.
- 22 4. The average charge per confinement, which is the product of the  
23 average length of stay multiplied by the average charge per day.
- 24 5. The average charge per confinement for each attending physician.

25 C. Each of the categories of data specified in subsection B shall be  
26 further categorized by one or more of the following methods as the department  
27 determines:

- 28 1. Discharge diagnoses.
- 29 2. Groupings of related diagnoses.
- 30 3. Groupings of diagnoses that typically have similar lengths of  
31 confinement.
- 32 4. Any other similar categories that may be determined by the  
33 department.

34 D. The department shall require hospital emergency departments to  
35 report outpatient service statistical data designed to promote cost  
36 containment. The department shall adopt rules establishing the procedures  
37 for reporting. These data shall be derivable from the data obtained under  
38 the uniform patient reporting system prescribed in subsection A, and shall  
39 include the following:

- 40 1. Date of service.
- 41 2. Surgical procedures.
- 42 3. Related diagnosis.
- 43 4. Charges for services.

1 E. The department may require hospitals and emergency departments to  
2 report other clinical and demographic data regarding patient age, sex or  
3 insurance coverage for inpatient and emergency department services.

4 F. ~~Hospitals providing primarily psychiatric services~~ are THE STATE  
5 HOSPITAL IS exempt from the reporting requirements imposed by subsections B,  
6 D and E.

7 G. The data from the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30 of  
8 each year shall be reported on or before August 15 of that year. The data  
9 from the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31 of each year shall be  
10 reported on or before February 15 of the following year.

11 H. All reports filed pursuant to this section are open to public  
12 inspection at the offices of the department. The department shall ensure  
13 that this public access to reports does not breach confidentiality of  
14 privileged medical information or privileged information on an individual's  
15 work performance or earnings.

16 I. If further investigation is considered necessary or desirable to  
17 verify the accuracy of information in reports submitted under this section,  
18 the department may further examine records and accounts related to the  
19 reporting requirements of this section. The department shall bear the cost  
20 incurred in connection with this examination unless the department finds that  
21 the records examined are significantly deficient or incorrect, in which case  
22 the department may charge the cost of the investigation to the facility  
23 examined.

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by the following vote: 53 Ayes,

by the following vote: 24 Ayes,

4 Nays, 3 Not Voting

4 Nays, 2 Not Voting

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 20 10

at 2:36 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

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Governor of Arizona

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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