

## Amendment No. 508

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 146

(BDR 40-687)

**Proposed by:** Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold* is newly added transitory language.

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A.B. No. 146—Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State. (BDR 40-687)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 146—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State. (BDR 40-687)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State; requiring the Department to establish and maintain an Internet website which provides certain information concerning the charges imposed and the quality of health care provided by the hospitals in this State; requiring hospitals to submit certain information to the Department for the program; **requiring similar information to be submitted by surgical centers for ambulatory patients; requiring that the information submitted by surgical centers for ambulatory patients be posted on the Internet website established and maintained by the Department under certain circumstances;** and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law provides for the planning for health care in this State, including the promotion of equal access to quality health care at a reasonable cost. (Chapter 439A of NRS) **Section 3** of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State. The program must include the provision of information concerning the charges imposed and the quality of services provided by the hospitals in this State. **Sections 4 and 5** of this bill require the hospitals in this State to submit the information for the program and require the Department to collect and maintain that information. **Section 6** of this bill requires the Department to establish and maintain an Internet website which provides information to the general public concerning the charges imposed and the quality of services provided by the hospitals in this State.

Under existing law, the Director of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance maintains an Internet website which includes certain information concerning prescription drug programs and pharmacies. (NRS 223.560) **Section ~~14~~ 14** of this bill requires the Director to include on the website a link to the website maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services

to provide information to the general public concerning the charges imposed and the quality of services provided by the hospitals in this State.

Section 16 of this bill requires the Department to collect and maintain similar information relating to surgical centers for ambulatory patients. Section 16 also requires the Department to reconcile the data submitted from surgical centers for ambulatory patients with the information submitted by hospitals to ensure that a consumer is able to reasonably compare the two types of medical facility. Section 16 further requires the Department to post this information if the Department is able to adequately reconcile the data submitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 439A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, ~~“program” means the program that is established by the Department pursuant to section 3 of this act to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State.~~ the words and terms defined in sections 2.3 and 2.7 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 2.3.** *“Hospital” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.*

**Sec. 2.7.** *“Program” means the program that is established by the Department pursuant to section 3 of this act to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *The Department shall establish and maintain a program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State. The program must be designed to assist consumers with comparing the quality of care provided by the hospitals in this State and the charges for that care.*

**2.** *The program must include, without limitation, the collection, maintenance and provision of information concerning:*

*(a) The charges imposed on inpatients by each hospital in this State ~~for including, without limitation, the information contained in the uniform list of billed charges maintained pursuant to NRS 439B.400 and the summary of charges for common services prepared pursuant to NRS 449.243,~~ as reported in the forms submitted pursuant to NRS 449.485;*

*(b) The charges imposed on outpatients by each hospital in this State ~~for~~ as reported in the forms submitted pursuant to NRS 449.485;*

*(c) The quality of care provided by each hospital in this State ~~for the most common medical diagnoses and procedures,~~ as determined by applying uniform measures of quality ~~for including, without limitation, the measures of quality endorsed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Quality Forum and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations,~~ prescribed by the Department pursuant to section 4 of this act;*

*(d) How consistently each hospital ~~in this State~~ follows recognized practices to prevent the infection of patients, to speed the recovery of patients and to avoid medical complications of patients;*

*(e) For each hospital, the total number of patients discharged, the average length of stay and the average billed charges, reported for the 50 most common medical diagnoses and treatments of inpatients and the 50 most common medical diagnoses and treatments of outpatients; and*

(f) Any other information relating to the charges imposed and the quality of the services provided by the hospitals in this State that the Department determines is useful to consumers.

Sec. 4. 1. The Department shall, by regulation:

~~1. (a) Prescribe the information that each hospital in this State must submit to the Department for the program as set forth in section 3 of this act. 1. which may include charges imposed by the hospitals and measures of quality for hospitals that are in addition to those prescribed in subsection 2 of section 3 of this act; and~~

~~2. (b) Prescribe the measures of quality for hospitals that are required pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of section 3 of this act. In adopting the regulations, the Department shall:~~

~~(1) Use the measures of quality endorsed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Quality Forum and the Joint Commission;~~

~~(2) Prescribe a reasonable number of measures of quality which must not be unduly burdensome on the hospitals; and~~

~~(3) Take into consideration the financial burden placed on the hospitals to comply with the regulations.~~

~~(c) Require each hospital to:~~

~~(a) (1) Provide the information prescribed in ~~subsection 1~~ paragraphs (a) and (b) in the format required by the Department; and~~

~~(b) (2) Report the information separately for inpatients and outpatients.~~

~~2. If a hospital fails to submit the information required pursuant to this section or section 3 of this act or submits information that is incomplete or inaccurate, the Department shall send a notice of such failure to the hospital and to the Health Division of the Department.~~

Sec. 5. 1. The Department shall collect and maintain all information that it receives from the hospitals in this State pursuant to ~~section~~ sections 3 and 4 of this act. Upon request, the Department shall make the information available in printed form or an electronic format, as indicated by the requester, to:

(a) Consumers of health care;

(b) Providers of health care;

(c) Representatives of the health insurance industry; and

(d) The general public.

2. The Department shall ensure that the information it provides pursuant to this section is aggregated so as not to reveal the identity of a specific inpatient or outpatient of a hospital.

Sec. 6. 1. The Department shall establish and maintain an Internet website that includes the information concerning the charges imposed and the quality of the services provided by the hospitals in this State as required by the program. ~~pursuant to section 3 of this act.~~ The information must be presented in a manner that:

(a) Allows a person to view and compare the information for the hospitals by:

(1) Geographic location of each hospital;

(2) Type of medical diagnosis; and

(3) Type of medical ~~procedure~~ treatment;

(b) Allows a person to view and compare the information separately for the inpatients and outpatients of each hospital; and

(c) Is readily accessible and understandable by a member of the general public.

2. The Department shall:

(a) Publicize the availability of the Internet website;

(b) Update the information contained on the Internet website at least quarterly;

(c) Ensure that the information contained on the Internet website is accurate and reliable;

(d) Ensure that the information contained on the Internet website is aggregated so as not to reveal the identity of a specific inpatient or outpatient of a hospital;

(e) Post a disclaimer on the Internet website indicating that the information contained on the website is provided to assist with the comparison of hospitals and is not a guarantee by the Department or its employees as to the charges imposed by the hospitals in this State or the quality of the services provided by the hospitals in this State, including, without limitation, an explanation that the actual amount charged to a person by a particular hospital may not be the same charge as posted on the website for that hospital; and

(f) Upon request, make the information that is contained on the Internet website available in printed form.

**Sec. 7.** In carrying out the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, the Department may contract with the Nevada System of Higher Education or any appropriate, independent and qualified person or entity to analyze the information collected and maintained by the Department pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act. Such a contractor shall not release or publish or otherwise use any information made available to it pursuant to the contract except as required to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 8.** NRS 439A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439A.020 The purposes of this chapter are to:

1. Promote equal access to quality health care at a reasonable cost;
2. Promote an adequate supply and distribution of health resources;
3. Promote uniform, effective methods of delivering health care;
4. Promote and encourage the adequate distribution of health and care facilities and man power;

5. Promote and encourage the effective use of methods for controlling increases in the cost of health care;

6. Encourage participation in health planning by members of the several health professions, representatives of institutions and agencies interested in the provision of health care and the reduction of the cost of such care, and the general public;

7. Utilize the viewpoint of the general public for making decisions;

8. *Provide information to the general public concerning the charges imposed and the quality of the services provided by the hospitals in this State;*

9. Encourage public education regarding proper personal health care and methods for the effective use of available health services; and

~~[9:]~~ 10. Promote a program of technical assistance to purchasers to contain effectively the cost of health care, including:

(a) Providing information to purchasers regarding the charges made by practitioners.

(b) Training purchasers to negotiate successfully for a policy of health insurance.

(c) Conducting studies and providing other information about measures to assist purchasers in containing the cost of health care.

**Sec. 9.** ~~[NRS 439B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:]~~

~~439B.400 1. Each hospital in this State shall maintain and use a uniform list of billed charges for that hospital for units of service or goods provided to all~~

1 inpatients. A hospital may not use a billed charge for an inpatient that is different  
2 than the billed charge used for another inpatient for the same service or goods  
3 provided. This section does not restrict the ability of a hospital or other person to  
4 negotiate a discounted rate from the hospital's billed charges or to contract for a  
5 different rate or mechanism for payment of the hospital.

6 ~~2. Each hospital in this State shall submit to the Department the uniform~~  
7 ~~list of billed charges for the program established by the Department pursuant to~~  
8 ~~section 3 of this act to increase public awareness of health care information~~  
9 ~~concerning the hospitals in this State.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

10 **Sec. 10.** ~~[NRS 449.243 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

11 ~~449.243 Every hospital licensed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 449.001 to~~  
12 ~~449.240, inclusive:~~

13 ~~1. May, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, utilize the Uniform~~  
14 ~~Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association.~~

15 ~~2. Shall, except as otherwise provided in this section, on its billings to~~  
16 ~~patients, itemize, on a daily basis, all charges for services, and charges for~~  
17 ~~equipment used and the supplies and medicines provided incident to the provision~~  
18 ~~of those services with specificity and in language that is understandable to an~~  
19 ~~ordinary lay person. This itemized list must be timely provided after the patient is~~  
20 ~~discharged at no additional cost.~~

21 ~~3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a patient is charged a~~  
22 ~~rate, pursuant to a contract or other agreement, that is different than the billed~~  
23 ~~charges, [the hospital] shall provide to the patient either:~~

24 ~~(a) A copy of the billing prepared pursuant to subsection 2;~~

25 ~~(b) A statement specifying the agreed rate for the services; or~~

26 ~~(c) If the patient is not obligated to pay any portion of the bill, a statement of~~  
27 ~~the total charges.~~

28 ~~4. In any case, the hospital shall include on the billing or statement any copayment~~  
29 ~~or deductible for which the patient is responsible. The hospital shall answer any~~  
30 ~~questions regarding the bill.~~

31 ~~4. If the hospital is paid by the insurer of a patient a rate that is based on the~~  
32 ~~number of persons treated and not on the services actually rendered, [the hospital]~~  
33 ~~shall, upon the discharge of the patient, advise the patient of the status of any~~  
34 ~~copayment or deductible for which the patient is responsible.~~

35 ~~5. Shall prepare a summary of charges for common services for patients~~  
36 ~~admitted to the hospital and make it available to the public. The summary must be~~  
37 ~~submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the program~~  
38 ~~established by the Department pursuant to section 3 of this act to increase public~~  
39 ~~awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State.~~

40 ~~6. Shall provide to any patient upon request a copy of the billing prepared~~  
41 ~~pursuant to subsection 2.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

42 **Sec. 11.** **NRS 449.485 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

43 449.485 1. Each hospital in this State shall use for all patients discharged  
44 the form commonly referred to as the "UB-82," or a different form prescribed by  
45 the Director with the approval of a majority of the hospitals licensed in this State,  
46 and shall include in the form all information required by the Department.

47 2. ~~[The Department shall by regulation:~~

48 ~~(a) Specify] Each hospital shall, on a monthly basis, report to the~~  
49 ~~Department the information required to be included in the form for each patient. ~~It~~~~  
50 ~~and~~

51 ~~(b) Require each hospital to provide specified information from the form to the~~  
52 ~~Department.]~~

3. Each insurance company or other payer shall accept the form as the bill for services provided by hospitals in this State.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, each hospital with 100 or more beds shall provide the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 on magnetic tape or by other means specified by the Department, or shall provide copies of the forms and pay the costs of entering the information manually from the copies.

5. The Director may exempt a hospital from the requirements of subsection 4 if requiring the hospital to comply with the requirements would cause the hospital financial hardship.

**6. The Department shall use the information submitted pursuant to this section for the program established pursuant to section 3 of this act to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State.**

**Sec. 12. NRS 449.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

449.490 1. Every institution which is subject to the provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, shall file with the Department the following financial statements or reports in a form and at intervals specified by the Director but at least annually:

(a) A balance sheet detailing the assets, liabilities and net worth of the institution for its fiscal year; and

(b) A statement of income and expenses for the fiscal year.

2. Each hospital with 100 or more beds shall file with the Department, in a form and at intervals specified by the Director but at least annually, a capital improvement report which includes, without limitation, any major service line that the hospital has added or is in the process of adding since the previous report was filed, any major expansion of the existing facilities of the hospital that has been completed or is in the process of being completed since the previous report was filed, and any major piece of equipment that the hospital has acquired or is in the process of acquiring since the previous report was filed.

3. In addition to the information required to be filed pursuant to subsections 1 and 2, each hospital with 100 or more beds shall file with the Department, in a form and at intervals specified by the Director but at least annually:

(a) The corporate home office allocation methodology of the hospital, if any.

(b) The expenses that the hospital has incurred for providing community benefits and the in-kind services that the hospital has provided to the community in which it is located. For the purposes of this paragraph, "community benefits" includes, without limitation, goods, services and resources provided by a hospital to a community to address the specific needs and concerns of that community, services provided by a hospital to the uninsured and underserved persons in that community, training programs for employees in a community and health care services provided in areas of a community that have a critical shortage of such services, for which the hospital does not receive full reimbursement.

(c) A statement of its policies and procedures for providing discounted services to, or reducing charges for services provided to, persons without health insurance that are in addition to any reduction or discount required to be provided pursuant to NRS 439B.260.

(d) A statement of its policies regarding patients' account receivables, including, without limitation, the manner in which a hospital collects or makes payment arrangements for patients' account receivables, the factors that initiate collections and the method by which unpaid account receivables are collected.

4. A complete current charge master must be available at each hospital during normal business hours for review by the Director, any payor that has a contract with



the hospital to pay for services provided by the hospital, any payor that has received a bill from the hospital and any state agency that is authorized to review such information. The complete and current charge master must be made available to the Department, at the request of the Director, in an electronic format specified by the Department. The Department may use the electronic copy of the charge master to review and analyze the data contained in the charge master and, except as otherwise provided in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, shall not release or publish the information contained in the charge master.

5. The Director shall require the certification of specified financial reports by an independent certified public accountant and may require attestations from responsible officers of the institution that the reports are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete to the extent that the certifications and attestations are not required by federal law.

6. The Director shall require the filing of all reports by specified dates, and may adopt regulations which assess penalties for failure to file as required, but he shall not require the submission of a final annual report sooner than 6 months after the close of the fiscal year, and may grant extensions to institutions which can show that the required information is not available on the required reporting date.

7. All reports, except privileged medical information, filed under any provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, are open to public inspection and must be available for examination at the office of the Department during regular business hours.

~~[Sec. 11.]~~ **Sec. 13.** NRS 449.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.520 1. On or before October 1 of each year, the Director shall prepare and transmit to the Governor, the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Interim Finance Committee a report of the Department's operations and activities for the preceding fiscal year.

2. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must include:

(a) Copies of all summaries, compilations and supplementary reports required by NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, together with such facts, suggestions and policy recommendations as the Director deems necessary;

(b) A summary of the trends of the audits of hospitals in this State that the Department required or performed during the previous year;

(c) An analysis of the trends in the costs, expenses and profits of hospitals in this State;

(d) An analysis of the corporate home office allocation methodologies of hospitals in this State;

(e) An examination and analysis of the manner in which hospitals are reporting the information that is required to be filed pursuant to NRS 449.490, including, without limitation, an examination and analysis of whether that information is being reported in a standard and consistent manner, which fairly reflect the operations of each hospital;

(f) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used by hospitals in this State to provide discounted services to, and to reduce charges for services provided to, persons without health insurance; ~~and~~

(g) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used by hospitals in this State to collect unpaid charges for services provided by the hospitals ~~;~~ ;  
and

(h) *A summary of the status of the program that is established pursuant to section 3 of this act to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals in this State, including, without limitation, the information that was posted in the preceding fiscal year on the Internet website maintained for that program pursuant to section 6 of this act.*



3. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall develop a comprehensive plan concerning the provision of health care in this State which includes, without limitation:

(a) A review of the health care needs in this State as identified by state agencies, local governments, providers of health care and the general public; and

(b) A review of the capital improvement reports submitted by hospitals pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 449.490.

~~Sec. 12.~~ **Sec. 14.** NRS 223.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
223.560 The Director shall:

1. Respond to written and telephonic inquiries received from consumers and injured employees regarding concerns and problems related to health care and workers' compensation;

2. Assist consumers and injured employees in understanding their rights and responsibilities under health care plans and policies of industrial insurance;

3. Identify and investigate complaints of consumers and injured employees regarding their health care plans and policies of industrial insurance and assist those consumers and injured employees to resolve their complaints, including, without limitation:

(a) Referring consumers and injured employees to the appropriate agency, department or other entity that is responsible for addressing the specific complaint of the consumer or injured employee; and

(b) Providing counseling and assistance to consumers and injured employees concerning health care plans and policies of industrial insurance;

4. Provide information to consumers and injured employees concerning health care plans and policies of industrial insurance in this State;

5. Establish and maintain a system to collect and maintain information pertaining to the written and telephonic inquiries received by the Office for Consumer Health Assistance;

6. Take such actions as are necessary to ensure public awareness of the existence and purpose of the services provided by the Director pursuant to this section;

7. In appropriate cases and pursuant to the direction of the Governor, refer a complaint or the results of an investigation to the Attorney General for further action;

8. Provide information to and applications for prescription drug programs for consumers without insurance coverage for prescription drugs or pharmaceutical services; and

9. Establish and maintain an Internet website which includes:

(a) Information concerning purchasing prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies that have been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on the Internet website pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; ~~and~~

(b) Links to websites of Canadian pharmacies which have been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on the Internet website pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328 ~~;~~ **and**

*(c) A link to the website established and maintained pursuant to section 6 of this act which provides information to the general public concerning the charges imposed and the quality of the services provided by the hospitals in this State.*

**Sec. 15. 1. Each hospital in this State shall, on July 1, 2007, begin submitting to the Department of Health and Human Services the information concerning inpatient data required pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.**

**2. The Department shall review the data concerning inpatients submitted by each hospital in this State and, on or before January 1, 2008, begin posting**

1 such information on the Internet website established pursuant to section 6 of  
2 this act.

3 3. Each hospital in this State shall, on January 1, 2008, begin submitting  
4 to the Department the information concerning outpatient data that is required  
5 pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

6 4. The Department shall review the data concerning outpatients  
7 submitted by each hospital in this State and, on or before January 1, 2009,  
8 begin posting such information on the Internet website established pursuant to  
9 section 6 of this act.

10 *Sec. 16.* 1. Each surgical center for ambulatory patients shall, on  
11 January 1, 2008, and on a monthly basis thereafter, begin submitting to the  
12 Department of Health and Human Services all information required by the  
13 Department pursuant to this section.

14 2. The Department shall determine how best to reconcile the information  
15 submitted pursuant to this section with the information required from the  
16 hospitals in this State pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act so that  
17 the information may be posted on the Internet website established pursuant to  
18 section 6 of this act in a manner which allows a consumer to reasonably  
19 compare the charges imposed and the quality of services provided by the  
20 surgical centers for ambulatory patients and the hospitals in this State.

21 3. The Department shall, on or before December 1, 2008, report to the  
22 Legislative Committee on Health Care concerning the activities of the  
23 Department pursuant to this section, including, without limitation, a report on  
24 whether the Department was able to adequately reconcile the information  
25 submitted pursuant to this section with the information submitted pursuant to  
26 sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act. If the Department submits to the  
27 Legislative Committee on Health Care a report that the information collected  
28 pursuant to this section is not ready for posting on the Internet website or that  
29 the information cannot be adequately reconciled with the information  
30 submitted by the hospitals, the Legislative Committee on Health Care may  
31 extend the deadline by which the information must be posted pursuant to  
32 subsection 4.

33 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Department shall, on  
34 January 1, 2009, begin posting the information received pursuant to this  
35 section on the Internet website established pursuant to section 6 of this act.

36 5. The Department shall adopt regulations prescribing:

37 (a) The surgical centers for ambulatory patients in this State which must  
38 report information pursuant to this section.

39 (b) The information concerning the charges imposed and the quality of  
40 services provided by the surgical centers for ambulatory patients that must be  
41 submitted pursuant to this section, which must be similar to the information  
42 submitted by the hospitals pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

43 *Sec. 17.* In addition to any other report required pursuant to this act or a  
44 state law, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the  
45 Legislative Committee on Health Care, on or before the first day of each  
46 month, a report which includes:

47 1. The status of the collection of data pursuant to sections 2 to 7,  
48 inclusive, and section 16 of this act;

49 2. The status of the establishment of an Internet website pursuant to  
50 section 6 of this act;

51 3. Any regulations adopted pursuant to sections 4 and 16 of this act; and

52 4. Any other information related to carrying out the provisions of this  
53 act.

1       **Sec. 18. The Department of Health and Human Services shall not send to**  
2       **the Health Division of the Department a notice required pursuant to**  
3       **subsection 2 of section 4 of this act until:**

4       **1. July 1, 2008, if the notice concerns the submission of information**  
5       **relating to inpatients; and**

6       **2. January 1, 2009, if the notice concerns the submission of information**  
7       **relating to outpatients.**

8       **Sec. 19. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.**