

Readoption Review

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Electronic Reporting of Emergency Department Visit Abstract Data by Hospitals Indiana Department of Health LSA Document #23-656

I. Continued Need for the Rule

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is required by IC 16-19-10-8 to collect data relating to symptoms and health syndromes from outbreaks or suspected outbreaks of diseases that may be a danger to public health. This Electronic Reporting of Emergency Department Visit Abstract Data by Hospitals rule defines who must submit data, what data they must submit, and how they must submit data to satisfy syndromic surveillance reporting in Indiana. Individually identifying information is confidential under IC 16-19-10-8. All reporting shall be by electronic transfer that ensures the confidentiality and security of emergency department visit data throughout the data transfer process. The data reported to IDOH is confidential whether held by the department, the department's agents, or a local health department. IDOH receives federal funding to maintain electronic systems for the receipt of chief complaint data from hospitals and analysis for public health concerns using the ESSENCE data analysis tool. IDOH provides a view of the data back to submitting hospitals for their use to monitor influenza activity and other chief complaints pertinent to infection control. The rule does not include any fees, fines, or penalties. The rule protects public health in the least restrictive manner possible. There have been no complaints or comments received from the public regarding this rule. The rule is written for ease of comprehension and has practicable enforcement. There is no alternative way to get the data.

II. Analysis of fees, fines, and civil penalties under IC 4-22-2-19.6

The rule does not include any fees, fines, or penalties.

III. Complaints and Comments

There have been no complaints or comments received from the public concerning the implementation of this rule.

IV. Difficulties Encountered

This rule was written for the ease of comprehension and has practicable enforcement. IDOH has not been made aware of any difficulties.

V. Changes in Technology, Economic Conditions, or Other Factors

Technology, economic conditions, or other factors have not changed in the area affected by the rule since the last time the rule was reviewed.

VI. Revised Regulatory Analysis

Readoption has no impact that changes the cost/benefit, fiscal impact, regulatory burden, or economic impact since there are no changes to the rule having such effects.