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IC 16-38-7-1 "EMS data dictionary"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "EMS data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base of fire and emergent run data maintained by the Indiana EMS program at the department of homeland security.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-2 "National EMS Information System"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "National EMS Information System" means the national repository for EMS data maintained by the University of Utah School of Medicine.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-3 "Rehabilitation hospital"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital" means a hospital that is excluded from a prospective payment system under 42 CFR 412.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-4 "Rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base maintained by the state department.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-5 "Trauma center"

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "trauma center" means a hospital that:

- (1) provides trauma care and has been verified as a trauma center by the American College of Surgeons;
- (2) has been designated a trauma center under a state designation system that is substantially equivalent to the American College of Surgeons verification process, as determined by the state department; or
- (3) has been deemed to be in the process of American College of Surgeons verification pursuant to 836 IAC 1-2.1.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-6 "Trauma data dictionary"

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "trauma data dictionary" means the collection of descriptions of the data objects in the data base maintained by the trauma registry under this chapter.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-7 Registry; purpose

Sec. 7. (a) The state department shall maintain a trauma registry to collect and analyze data that is necessary to evaluate the delivery of trauma care in Indiana.

(b) The data collected by the registry must allow the state department to identify and evaluate the following:

- (1) Frequency, type, severity, and outcome of trauma injuries.
- (2) Criteria used to establish triage protocols.
- (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of trauma care.
- (4) Other factors to consider in recommending, designing, or implementing the statewide trauma care delivery system, including:
 - (A) public education on trauma and injury prevention;
 - (B) access to trauma care;
 - (C) prehospital availability; and
 - (D) the cost of trauma care.

(c) Registry data must be linked between emergency medical services providers, health care facilities, and other agencies to assess the quality of the entire continuum of trauma care.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-8 Required reporting

Sec. 8. The following shall submit data concerning trauma care to the state department for inclusion in the registry:

- (1) A hospital.
- (2) A trauma center.
- (3) A rehabilitation hospital.
- (4) An emergency medical services provider, both basic life support and advanced life support, that transports patients.
- (5) At the request of the state department, any state agency possessing data or information regarding trauma care.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-9 Submission of data

Sec. 9. (a) Data submitted to the registry must include information that allows the state department to identify and evaluate the following:

- (1) Incidence, mechanism, type, severity, and outcome of traumatic injuries.
 - (2) Criteria used to establish or refine triage and transport guidelines.
 - (3) Geographic patterns of injury, including areas or regions of Indiana where improvements are needed in the delivery of trauma care.
- (b) Data submitted to and maintained by the registry must be in a format that:
- (1) protects the identity of specific patients to whom medical care has been rendered;
 - (2) identifies specific health care facilities by a code or other designation; and
 - (3) avoids or minimizes duplication of entries.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-10 Data format and criteria

Sec. 10. (a) An entity required to submit data under section 8 of this chapter shall submit data to the registry by direct data entry or by electronic data transfer using an .xml format and data scheme that is based on the trauma data dictionary.

(b) A hospital shall submit data to the registry using the criteria in the trauma data dictionary.

(c) A rehabilitation hospital shall submit data to the registry using the rehabilitation hospital registry data dictionary.

(d) An emergency medical services provider shall submit data to the registry using the

most current version of the National EMS Information System data elements and the criteria in the Indiana EMS Data Dictionary.
As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-11 Reporting deadlines

Sec. 11. (a) A hospital, trauma center, and rehabilitation hospital shall report data to the registry as follows:

- (1) For a patient admitted to the facility between January 1 and March 31, not later than June 30.
- (2) For a patient admitted to the facility between April 1 and June 30, not later than September 30.
- (3) For a patient admitted to the facility between July 1 and September 30, not later than January 15 of the following year.
- (4) For a patient admitted to the facility between October 1 and December 31, not later than May 1 of the following year.

(b) Not later than the fifteenth day of each month in which an incident occurred, an EMS provider shall report the data to the state department.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-12 Failure to report

Sec. 12. (a) The state department may remove a facility's designation as a trauma center if the facility fails to submit data as required under this chapter.

(b) The state department may deem a facility or EMS provider that fails to submit data as required under this chapter ineligible for state department programs, grants, or other sources of state department funding.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.

IC 16-38-7-13 Confidentiality

Sec. 13. (a) Information in the trauma registry is confidential and may be released in a statistical form that does not provide personally identifiable information.

(b) Information in the trauma registry may be released in accordance with IC 4-1-6-8.6.

As added by P.L.96-2026, SEC.24.