

REFERENCE TITLE: hospitals; patient immigration status; reporting

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-407.04; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-407.04, to read:

4 36-407.04. Hospitals; patient immigration status; data
5 collection; reporting requirements

6 A. EACH HOSPITAL THAT ACCEPTS PAYMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29,
7 ARTICLE 1 OF THIS TITLE MUST INCLUDE A PLACE ON ITS PATIENT ADMISSION OR
8 REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO STATE
9 OR INDICATE WHETHER THE PATIENT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR LAWFULLY
10 PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES OR IS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED
11 STATES. THE INQUIRY MUST BE FOLLOWED BY A STATEMENT ON THE FORM THAT THE
12 PATIENT'S RESPONSE WILL NOT AFFECT THE PATIENT'S CARE OR RESULT IN A
13 REPORT OF THE PATIENT'S IMMIGRATION STATUS TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

14 B. EACH HOSPITAL MUST SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT
15 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER THAT STATES THE
16 NUMBER OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS WITHIN THE
17 PREVIOUS QUARTER THAT WERE MADE BY PATIENTS WHO INDICATED THAT THEY ARE A
18 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OR LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES,
19 INDICATED THEY ARE NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES OR DECLINED
20 TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

21 C. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A
22 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
23 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOSPITAL
24 ADMISSIONS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR
25 FOR WHICH THE PATIENT OR PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT THE
26 PATIENT IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, IS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE
27 UNITED STATES OR IS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES OR DECLINED
28 TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. THE REPORT MUST ALSO DESCRIBE INFORMATION
29 RELATING TO THE COSTS OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR ALIENS WHO ARE NOT
30 LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES, THE IMPACT OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE ON
31 THE COST OR ABILITY OF HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC,
32 HOSPITAL FUNDING NEEDS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION. THE DEPARTMENT
33 SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

34 D. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES RELATING TO THE FORMAT AND
35 INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN QUARTERLY REPORTS AND THE ACCEPTABLE
36 FORMATS FOR HOSPITALS TO USE IN REQUESTING INFORMATION REGARDING A
37 PATIENT'S IMMIGRATION STATUS ON HOSPITAL ADMISSION OR REGISTRATION FORMS.
38 THE RULES MAY NOT REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF PATIENT NAMES OR ANY OTHER
39 PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.