

CHAPTER 203

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATE BILL 08-196

BY SENATOR(S) Boyd and Tochtrop;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pommer, Buescher, Frangas, Green, Kefalas, Primavera, Riesberg, Solano, and Todd.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF NURSING-SENSITIVE QUALITY MEASURES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HOSPITAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 25-3-702 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-3-702. Comprehensive hospital information system - executive director - duties - definitions. (1)(a) The executive director shall approve a comprehensive hospital information system to provide for the collection, compilation, coordination, analysis, indexing, and utilization of both purposefully collected and extant hospital-related data and statistics to produce and report comparable and uniform health information and statistics that shall be utilized in the development and production of the report card described in section 25-3-703. The executive director shall designate or contract with any individual or entity he or she deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this part 7.

(b) (I) THE ASSOCIATION SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL REVIEW AND PREPARE THE NURSING-SENSITIVE QUALITY MEASURES SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH (b) FOR INCLUSION IN THE HOSPITAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AND HOSPITAL REPORT CARD DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 7. IN REVIEWING AND PREPARING TO IMPLEMENT THE NURSING-SENSITIVE QUALITY MEASURES, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE MEASURES SHOULD BE REPORTED FOR THE HOSPITAL AS A WHOLE OR BY UNIT LEVEL OF A HOSPITAL. IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b), THE ASSOCIATION SHALL INVOLVE AND SEEK INPUT FROM NO MORE THAN SEVEN DIRECT-CARE NURSES WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(II) THE ASSOCIATION SHALL COLLECT, REVIEW, AND IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

NURSING-SENSITIVE QUALITY MEASURES AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE:

(A) PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT SCALE OR PES, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM, WHICH IS THE NURSING WORK INDEX THAT MEASURES THE COMPOSITE SCORE AND INDIVIDUAL SCORES FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBSCALES: NURSE PARTICIPATION IN HOSPITAL AFFAIRS; NURSING FOUNDATIONS FOR QUALITY OF CARE; NURSE MANAGER ABILITY, LEADERSHIP, AND SUPPORT OF NURSES; STAFFING AND RESOURCE ADEQUACY; AND COLLEGIALLY OF NURSE-PHYSICIAN RELATIONS; AND

(B) REGISTERED NURSE EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL DATABASE OF NURSING QUALITY INDICATORS.

(III) THE ASSOCIATION SHALL COLLECT, REVIEW, AND IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING NURSING-SENSITIVE QUALITY MEASURES, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM, NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2010:

(A) SKILL MIX;

(B) THE NURSING HOURS PER PATIENT DAY;

(C) VOLUNTARY TURNOVER;

(D) PATIENT FALLS PREVALENCE RATE; AND

(E) PATIENT FALLS WITH INJURY.

(IV) THE ASSOCIATION SHALL IDENTIFY A PROCESS OR MECHANISM TO ALLOW ACCESS TO OR USE OF THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b), AS APPROPRIATE, FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

(V) THE ASSOCIATION MAY EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED HOSPITAL THAT HAS NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED LICENSED BEDS.

(VI) AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (b):

(A) "DIRECT-CARE NURSE" MEANS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS ENGAGED IN DIRECT PATIENT CARE RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN INPATIENT HOSPITAL UNIT SETTING FOR MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF HIS OR HER WORKING HOURS.

(B) "NATIONAL DATABASE OF NURSING QUALITY INDICATORS" MEANS THE REPOSITORY FOR NURSING-SENSITIVE INDICATORS DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR DATABASE.

(C) "NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM" MEANS THE PRIVATE, NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION CREATED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR HEALTHCARE QUALITY MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day

following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 6, 2008