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DIVISION 112. PUBLIC HEALTH [131000 - 131410] (*Division 112 added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 241, Sec. 34.*)

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS [131000 - 131410] (*Part 1 added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 241, Sec. 34.*)

CHAPTER 6. Hospital, Emergency Medical Services, and Behavioral Health Facilities Bed Capacity Data Solution [131420 - 131410] (*Chapter 6 added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 999, Sec. 3.*)

131420. (a) Subject to appropriation or upon availability of funds, the department, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Care Services, shall implement a capacity data solution. The development of the capacity data solution shall be subject to state information technology policies, as applicable.

(b) The purpose of the capacity data solution is to monitor bed capacity in near real time in specified entities during normal operations and emergencies, with the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality by facilitating patient transfers and placement, and to support response to public health and medical emergencies affecting or impacting the health of California residents.

(c) The capacity data solution shall not include any information relating to state hospitals under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals.

(*Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 999, Sec. 3. (AB 177) Effective September 30, 2024.*)

131425. (a) Subject to appropriation or upon availability of funds, the department, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Care Services, shall designate and administer a capacity data solution to which the specified entities shall submit data.

(b) The department, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Care Services, shall identify the data elements that shall be submitted by the specified entities and the schedule and format for data submission.

(1) The data elements to be submitted by behavioral health facilities that are specified entities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Number of available beds.

(B) For each available bed, the age ranges for which the bed is appropriate.

(C) For each available bed, whether the bed is secure for individuals who have been determined to be a danger to themselves or others or are gravely disabled.

(D) Other data elements the State Department of Health Care Services identifies, in consultation with interested organizations representing behavioral health facilities and other relevant stakeholders, as necessary for effective implementation of the capacity data solution.

(2) The data elements to be submitted by general acute care hospitals and emergency departments that are specified entities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Hospital bed census.

(B) Bed availability by level of care, unit, and hospital.

(C) Other data elements the department identifies, in consultation with interested organizations representing general acute care hospitals and emergency departments and other relevant stakeholders, as necessary for effective implementation of the capacity data solution.

(c) The capacity data solution shall have both of the following capabilities, at a minimum:

(1) Collecting data.

(2) Enabling searches by authorized users to identify available behavioral health beds that are appropriate for individuals in need of treatment provided by the specified entities.

(d) The capacity data solution shall be subject to all applicable state and federal privacy laws.

(e) The specified entities shall submit the required data electronically in accordance with the schedule established by the department.

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