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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 2.5. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES [1797 - 1863] (*Division 2.5 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*)

CHAPTER 3. State Administration [1797.100 - 1797.197a] (*Chapter 3 added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*)

ARTICLE 2. Reports [1797.121 - 1797.124] (*Heading of Article 2 amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1058, Sec. 1.*)

1797.121. The authority shall report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the systems provided for in this division on or before January 1, 1984, and annually thereafter, including within this report, systems impact evaluations on death and disability.

(*Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1260.*)

1797.122. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a health facility as defined in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 1250 may release patient-identifiable medical information under the following circumstances:

(1) To an EMS provider, information regarding a patient who was treated, or transported to the hospital by, that EMS provider, to the extent that specific data elements are requested for quality assessment and improvement purposes.

(2) To the authority or the local EMS agency, to the extent that specific data elements are requested for quality assessment and improvement purposes.

(b) An EMS provider, local EMS agency, and the authority shall request only those data elements that are minimally necessary in compliance with Section 164.502 (b) and Section 164.514 (d) of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) The authority may develop minimum standards for the implementation of data collection for system operation, patient outcome, and performance quality improvement.

(d) For purposes of this section, "EMS provider" means an organization employing an Emergency Medical Technician-I, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, registered nurse, or physician for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport, or during an interfacility transfer.

(*Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 362, Sec. 2. (AB 503) Effective January 1, 2016.*)

1797.123. (a) Upon receipt of data reported by a local EMS agency to the authority pursuant to Section 1797.228, the authority shall calculate ambulance patient offload time by local EMS agency jurisdiction and by each facility in a local EMS agency jurisdiction.

(b) The authority shall report twice per year to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services the ambulance patient offload time by local EMS agency jurisdiction and by each facility in a local EMS agency jurisdiction.

(c) On or before December 1, 2020, the authority, in collaboration with local EMS agencies, shall submit a report to the Legislature on ambulance patient offload time and recommendations to reduce or eliminate ambulance patient offload time. The report shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(*Added by Stats. 2018, Ch. 656, Sec. 2. (AB 2961) Effective January 1, 2019.*)

1797.124. (a) On or before March 1, 2024, and on or before each January 1 thereafter, the authority shall annually develop and publish on its internet website a report showing the allowable maximum rates for ground ambulance transportation services in each county, including trending the rates by county. If feasible, this report shall include the applicable Medicare rate for the year.

(b) The authority shall annually submit each report to the Department of Insurance and the Department of Managed Health Care for purposes of rate review, as well as to the Office of Health Care Affordability.

(*Added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 454, Sec. 3. (AB 716) Effective January 1, 2024.*)

