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An Act Concerning the Reporting of Health Care Information or Records to the Emergency Medical Services' Board

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶K** is enacted to read:

3 K. The board may collect or receive health care information or records, including
4 information or records that identify or permit identification of any patient, for the
5 purpose of monitoring and improving the provision of emergency medical services and
6 health outcomes within the State.

7 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

8 E. Health care information or records provided to the board under section 88,
9 subsection 2, paragraph K are confidential if the information or records identify or
10 permit the identification of a patient or a member of that patient's family.

11 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §91-B, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

12 F. Health care information or records provided to the board under section 96 are
13 confidential if the information or records identify or permit the identification of a
14 patient who received emergency medical treatment or a member of that patient's
15 family.

16 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §96** is enacted to read:

17 **§96. Monitoring and improving the provision of emergency medical services and**
18 **health outcomes**

19 For the purpose of monitoring and improving the provision of emergency medical
20 services and health outcomes within the State, the board may request and collect health
21 care information or records, including information or records that identify or permit
22 identification of any patient, concerning individuals who have received emergency medical
23 treatment within the State, except for any information or records identifying a patient, in
24 any format, that include HIV or AIDS status or test results or that relate to referral,
25 treatment or services for a behavioral or mental health disorder or substance use disorder.

26 **1. Reporting by hospitals and physicians.** Hospitals and physicians shall report
27 health care information or records concerning individuals who have received emergency
28 medical treatment as follows and in accordance with this section and rules adopted by the
29 board.

30 A. A hospital shall report to the board health care information or records requested by
31 the board, including information or records that identify or permit identification of any
32 patient, concerning an individual under or formerly under that hospital's care who
33 received emergency medical treatment.

34 B. A physician shall report to the board health care information or records requested
35 by the board, including information or records that identify or permit identification of
36 any patient, concerning an individual under or formerly under that physician's care who
37 received emergency medical treatment.

38 **2. Access to health care information or records through a state-designated**
39 **statewide health information exchange or direct reporting.** A hospital or physician
40 may satisfy the board's request for health care information or records under subsection 1 as
41 follows.

1 records, including information or records that identify a patient. The bill also requires
2 hospitals and physicians, upon request by the board for the purpose of monitoring and
3 improving the provision of emergency medical services and health outcomes, to provide
4 health care information or records concerning individuals who have received emergency
5 medical treatment, except for information or records that include HIV or AIDS status or
6 test results or that relate to referral, treatment or services for a behavioral or mental health
7 disorder or substance use disorder.

8 The bill makes the reportable health care information or records confidential.

9 The bill also requires the board to adopt routine technical rules related to quality
10 initiatives adopted by the board, the authorization and revocation of authorization for a
11 state-designated statewide health information exchange to provide health care information
12 and records to the board and the tracking of health care information and records provided
13 by the exchange to the board.