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State Health Commissioner

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

As the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) transitions to a new system for hospital discharge data collection efforts, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) would like to reiterate the statutory reporting requirement.

Our reading of the applicable statutes is that all non-federal acute care, critical access, long-term acute care, transitional, and rehabilitation hospitals are mandated to report, although we are happy to receive the data of other hospitals to get a better understanding of their patient populations.

To paraphrase the statutes –

1. The Hospital Financial Disclosure Law (IC 16-21-6-6) provides that each hospital shall, not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each calendar quarter, file with ... the state department's designated contractor, inpatient and outpatient discharge information at the patient level, in a format prescribed by the state health commissioner. (Specific details omitted.)
2. "Hospital", for purposes of IC 16-21, means an institution, a place, a building, or an agency that holds out to the general public that it is operated for hospital purposes and that it provides care, accommodations, facilities, and equipment, in connection with the services of a physician, to individuals who may need medical or surgical services. (IC 16-18-2-179(b)).

Since you are licensed by IDOH as a hospital, the statute mandates you to report.

By formal agreement with the IDOH, the IHA serves as the IDOH contractor that collects the inpatient and outpatient data that hospitals must submit. The IHA forwards the data elements set forth in statute to the IDOH at least quarterly, and this information is used by us to meet our federal grant requirements and to support agency programs. The data are also available to ISDH for select epidemiology studies and consumer education. In particular, IDOH programs including Asthma, Cardiovascular Disease, Trauma and Injury Prevention, depend on this critical information.

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Matthew Browning, Vice President of Data and Member Solutions, at the IHA (317-423-7739 or mattbrowning@ihaconnect.org) is the appropriate contact person for details concerning agreements covering data submission. Kent Mitchell, IHA Systems Manager (317-423-7732 or kmitchell@ihaconnect.org), is the contact person for matters of data submission. We look forward to including your facility's data in our future studies.

Sincerely,

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