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Overview

This act allows peer review organizations to participate in a standardized incident reporting system to share information and analyze trends in medical errors.

Section

- 1 Review organization.** Amends § 145.61, subd. 5. Amends the definition of review organization to allow such organizations to gather and review patient care and treatment information for developing and publishing guidelines to improve health care safety. Also allows the gathering and review of patient information for participation in a standardized incident reporting system, including an Internet-based system, to share information to identify and analyze trends in medical errors and iatrogenic injuries. Expands the definition to include nonprofit corporations that are not organized in Minnesota.
- 2 Data and information.** Amends § 145.64, subd. 1. Specifies that the data privacy provisions that apply to review organization records generally also apply to Internet-based data derived from data shared to participate in a standardized incident reporting system. Also allows a review organization to release non-individually-identifiable, aggregate trend data on medical errors and iatrogenic injuries
- 3 Standardized incident reporting system data.** Adds subd. 4 to § 145.64. Allows a review organization participating in a standardized incident reporting system to release data for purposes of participating in the system, as long as the data do not identify any individual and are not released in a way in which any individual could be identified.
- 4 Commissioner of health.** Adds subdivision 5 to § 145.64. Specifies that this section does not restrict the commissioner of health's right to access records acquired by a review organization as otherwise permitted by law.

