DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

7 AAC 12. Hospital Discharge Data.

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COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: January 15, 2014
Please see public notice for details about how to comment on these proposed changes.

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, proposed new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.

2. If the lead-in line states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or clause is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, etc. is being repealed and readopted (replaced), the new (or replaced) text is not bolded or underlined.

3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is proposed to be deleted.

4. When the word "including" is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means "including, but not limited to."

Title 7. Health and Social Services.

7 AAC 12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 AAC 12.185. Reporting of hospital and ambulatory surgical center discharge data.

(a) A hospital and ambulatory surgical center required to be licensed under AS 47.32 and this chapter, and a hospital and ambulatory surgical center that submits claims for reimbursement under 7 AAC 105 – 160, shall submit to the department, or to a department contractor, discharge data for all discharges from inpatient, emergency department, outpatient, and ambulatory surgical services.

(b) Discharge data shall be submitted in a format and include data elements based on National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications, as designated by the department, and shall be submitted at least quarterly within 60 days of the end of each calendar quarter.

(c) The department may issue sanctions against a facility that submits claims for reimbursement under 7 AAC 105 – 160 for failure to submit hospital discharge data under this section.

(d) Information held by the department as a result of reporting under this section is not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding; provided that the information otherwise available from other sources is not immune from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence through those sources solely because the information was reported as required by this section. (Eff. ____/_____/2014, Register _____)

Authority: AS 18.15.355 AS 18.15.360 AS 18.15.395

Editor's note: Information regarding the National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications referenced in 7 AAC 12.375 may be obtained from the American Hospital Association, One North Franklin, Chicago, Illinois 60606.