

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE
FINANCING AND POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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NAC 439A.830 Information concerning hospitals: Department to determine and make publicly available lists of ~~{50-most-frequent}~~ diagnosis-related groups for inpatients of hospitals and 50 medical treatments for outpatients of hospitals to be included in program. (NRS 439A.230)

1. For purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 439A.220, the Department will:
 - (a) Determine and make publicly available a list of the ~~{50-most-frequent}~~ diagnosis-related groups for inpatients of hospitals that will be included in the program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning hospitals;
 - (b) Determine and make publicly available a list of the 50 medical treatments for outpatients of hospitals that will be included in the program to increase public awareness of health care information concerning hospitals; and
 - (c) Review each list once every 2 years and update the list as the Department determines necessary.
2. When selecting and updating the list of the ~~{50-most-frequent}~~ diagnosis-related groups pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the Department will use the information reported on the universal billing forms submitted pursuant to NAC 449.963.
3. When selecting and updating the list of the 50 medical treatments for outpatients of hospitals pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the Department will consider, without limitation:
 - (a) Recommendations of the State Board of Health;
 - (b) Input received from the general public; and
 - (c) The medical treatments for outpatients of hospitals that were most frequently performed by the hospitals in this State during the immediately preceding 2 years, as reported on the universal billing forms submitted pursuant to NAC 449.963.
4. As used in this section, "diagnosis-related group" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439A.220.

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NAC 439A.835 Internet website for information concerning hospitals and surgical centers for ambulatory patients: Duties of Department. (NRS 439A.270, 439A.290) The Department will:

1. Update the information contained on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270 at least quarterly.
2. At least once every 2 years, review the information contained on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270 to determine whether the information or the Internet website should be expanded, modified or otherwise altered. In making such determination, the Department will consider, without limitation, whether new measures of quality have been endorsed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National

Quality Forum, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, a quality improvement organization of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or The Joint Commission.

3. Before including any information on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270, use nationally accepted standards to audit the health information to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information.

4. Provide on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270 a link to the Internet website of the Health Division of the Department which contains information on sentinel events reported pursuant to NRS 439.800 to 439.890, inclusive.

5. Provide on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270 a report of potentially preventable readmissions of patients of acute care, non-critical access hospitals, extracted from data reported on universal billing forms submitted to the Department pursuant to NAC 449.963. The report to be updated annually.

6. Provide on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270 a link to electronic copies of all reports required pursuant to NRS 449.8450 to 449.530, inclusive.

7. Provide on the Internet website established and maintained pursuant to NRS 439A.270, to the extent that money is available, names of physicians and frequency of surgical procedures performed at hospitals and surgical centers; also the total number of surgical procedures each physician performed reported by principal diagnosis, and diagnosis related group, if possible.