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PATIENT OUTCOMES REPORTING ACT

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(Assented to , 2026)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act

- (a) “aggregate information” means non-identifying health information and non-identifying personal information about a group of individuals;
- (b) “Council” means the Health Quality Council of Alberta continued under the *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act*;
- (c) “Council’s website” means the publicly accessible website administered by the Council;
- (d) “data standard”, in respect of a reportable patient outcome, means a data standard established under section 4(4) applicable to the reportable patient outcome;
- (e) “health authority” means health authority as defined in the *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act*;
- (f) “health information” means health information as defined in the *Health Information Act*;
- (g) “health service” means a service or class of service provided to an individual by a health authority;

- (h) “non-identifying”, when used to describe health information or personal information, means that the identity of the individual who is the subject of the information cannot be readily ascertained from the information;
- (i) “patient” means an individual who receives a health service;
- (j) “personal information” means personal information as defined in the *Health Information Act*;
- (k) “reportable patient outcome” means a reportable patient outcome established in respect of a health service under section 4;
- (l) “reporting period” means the 3-month period from January 1 to March 31, from April 1 to June 30, from July 1 to September 30, or from October 1 to December 31, as the context requires;
- (m) “responsible Minister” means each Minister responsible under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* for an Act under which a health service is delivered.

Purposes

2 The purposes of this Act are to improve Albertans’ access to high-quality health services by

- (a) ensuring health authorities regularly report reportable patient outcomes to the Council,
- (b) ensuring the Council publishes the reportable patient outcomes it receives in a manner that is easily accessible to the public,
- (c) requiring the Council to review reportable patient outcomes it receives and make recommendations to the responsible Ministers with respect to those reportable patient outcomes, and
- (d) requiring the responsible Ministers to report to the Legislative Assembly on the actions taken in respect of the recommendations made by the Council.

Reporting by health authorities

3(1) A health authority must, within 60 days of the end of each reporting period and in accordance with this section, report to the Council the reportable patient outcomes for the health services provided by that health authority.

(2) A health authority must report a reportable patient outcome

- (a) in accordance with the data standards established by the Council in respect of the reportable patient outcome, and
 - (b) for each class of patients, if any, that the Council establishes under section 4(6) in respect of the reportable patient outcome.
- (3) A health authority's report must be in written or digital form as directed by the Council.

Reportable patient outcomes

- 4(1) The Council may, in accordance with this section, establish a reportable patient outcome in respect of a health service.
- (2) The Council must establish at least one reportable patient outcome
- (a) within 2 years of the coming into force of this Act, and
 - (b) every year after that.
- (3) A reportable patient outcome must be aggregate information about patients respecting any of the following:
- (a) clinical outcomes;
 - (b) information reported directly by patients about the impact of a health service or health condition;
 - (c) information reported directly by patients respecting their experiences receiving a health service;
 - (d) information about the safety of patients while receiving a health service, including diagnostic errors or drug administration errors;
 - (e) information relating to a patient's access to a health service, including the transfer of the patient to another health care facility to receive the health service.
- (4) In respect of a reportable patient outcome, the Council must establish one or more data standards that a health authority must use for the reporting of information on that reportable patient outcome.
- (5) In establishing a data standard, the Council must consider Indigenous data governance principles.

(6) The Council may establish classes of patients in respect of whom a reportable patient outcome must be reported, which may include the following classes:

- (a) patients who are Indigenous;
- (b) patients who reside in rural and remote communities;
- (c) patients who are 65 years of age or older;
- (d) patients who are under 18 years of age;
- (e) patients who have a disability;
- (f) patients who are newborns;
- (g) patients receiving maternal health care;
- (h) any other class of patients determined by the Council.

(7) For the purpose of subsection (6)(b),

- (a) a patient resides in a rural community if the patient resides in a municipality with a population of less than 15 000 people that is within 200 kilometres of a municipality with a population of more than 25 000 people, and
- (b) a patient resides in a remote community if the patient resides in a municipality that is more than 200 kilometres from a municipality with a population of more than 25 000 people.

(8) On establishing a reportable patient outcome, or a data standard or class of patients in respect of a reportable patient outcome, the Council must

- (a) publish the reportable patient outcome, data standard or class of patients on the Council's website, and
- (b) provide a copy of the reportable patient outcome, data standard or class of patients to each health authority that provides a health service to which the reportable patient outcome relates.

(9) The Council must establish a reportable patient outcome, or a data standard or class of patients in respect of a reportable patient outcome, at least 3 months before the reporting period in respect of which a health authority is required to report that reportable patient outcome to the Council under section 3.

Publication by Council

5 As soon as practicable after receiving a report from a health authority under section 3, the Council must publish, in a manner determined by the Council, the information respecting reportable patient outcomes contained in that report.

Council recommendations

6(1) No later than April 30 of each year, the Council must

- (a) analyze the reportable patient outcomes reported by health authorities under section 3 in respect of the health services the health authorities provided in the previous calendar year,
- (b) provide recommendations to each applicable responsible Minister on measures to improve those reportable patient outcomes, and
- (c) publish the recommendations on the Council's website.

(2) On receiving recommendations from the Council, a responsible Minister must publish the recommendations on the publicly accessible website of the department administered by that responsible Minister.

Responsible Minister's action plan

7 Within 6 months of receiving the Council's recommendations under section 6(1)(b), a responsible Minister must

- (a) make an action plan or revise an existing action plan that sets out proposed actions that the responsible Minister will carry out in response to those recommendations, and
- (b) publish the action plan on the publicly accessible website of the department administered by that responsible Minister.

Report on progress

8 No later than 60 days after the end of each calendar year, a responsible Minister must

- (a) prepare a report summarizing the progress made in achieving each action plan made by that responsible Minister under section 7(a), and
- (b) table the report in the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the Assembly's next sitting.

Related Amendment

Amends SA 2011 cH-7.2

9(1) The *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act* is amended by this section.

(2) Section 3(2) is amended by adding the following after clause (e):

- (f) exercise its powers and perform its duties under the *Patient Outcomes Reporting Act*.

Coming into force

10 This Act comes into force on April 1, 2027.

Explanatory Notes

9(1) Amends chapter H-7.2 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2011.

(2) Section 3(2) presently reads in part:

(2) The Council shall undertake the following activities in co-operation with health authorities and in accordance with an approved plan:

(e) other activities as provided for in the regulations or required by a directive of the Minister under section 22.1.

Record of Debate

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