

Proposal for Legislation -- 2011

Implement Emergency Dept and Hospital Discharge Data System

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1. What is the problem or issue?

Emergency department (ED) and hospital discharge data is essential information that is needed to describe health care utilization in the state, and the morbidity trends among Montanans. Currently, high quality ED and hospital discharge data is not reported to the state.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

This legislation requires hospitals to report ED and hospital discharge data to the DPHHS.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

This law would likely go into chapter 50 of the MCA., which covers health and safety issues.

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?

The legislation would not require additional funding.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

Yes. During the 2009 legislative session HB 105 was submitted by Representative Kottel.