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Section

1 Staffing plan disclosure act.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms used in this section, including the following: core staffing plan; non-managerial core staff; inpatient care unit; staffing hours per patient day; and patient acuity tool.

Subd. 2. Hospital staffing report. Provides that the chief nursing executive or designee of every hospital licensed under section 144.50 will develop a core staffing plan for each care unit.

Subd. 3. Standard electronic reporting developed. Requires the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) to include each hospital's core staffing plan on its Web site: the Minnesota Hospital Quality Report. Requires that substantial changes be updated within 30 days, and requires that on a quarterly basis, the MHA include each hospital's actual direct patient care hours per patient per unit.

2 Study. Requires MHA to convene a working group to study a correlation between nurse staffing levels and patient outcomes. A report is due to the legislature by January 15, 2015.