

Subject Maternal morbidity and death studies

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Overview

Under current law the commissioner of health may conduct maternal death studies to assist with planning, implementation, and evaluation of health care and social service systems, and to reduce the number of preventable maternal deaths in the state. This section expands the commissioner's authority to also allow the commissioner to conduct maternal morbidity studies. Maternal morbidity refers to a disease or injury in a woman who is or has been pregnant, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Maternal morbidity and death studies.
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	Amends § 145.901. Authorizes the commissioner of health to conduct maternal morbidity studies to assist with the planning, implementation, and evaluation of health care and social service systems, and to reduce the number of preventable adverse maternal outcomes in the state. Adds maternal morbidity to subdivisions governing management of records and data classifications. Specifies that the commissioner may access medical data and health records related to maternal morbidity occurring on or after July 1, 2000, including names of providers and clinics where care was received relating to the pregnancy or death. Also specifies the commissioner may access records maintained by the medical examiner, coroner, or hospitals to obtain information on any prenatal care received by the data subject.
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