

Assembly Bill No. 800

CHAPTER 313

An act to add Section 123147 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 800, Yee. Medical records: patient's spoken language.

Existing law provides for access by a patient to his or her health records and requires that a patient's clinical laboratory test results be conveyed in plain language and in oral, written, or electronic form.

This bill would require all health facilities and all primary care clinics, except long-term care facilities meeting certain criteria, to include a patient's principal spoken language on the patient's health records.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 123147 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

123147. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), all health facilities, as defined in Section 1250, and all primary care clinics that are either licensed under Section 1204 or exempt from licensure under Section 1206, shall include a patient's principal spoken language on the patient's health records.

(b) Any long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418, that already completes the minimum data set form as specified in Section 14110.15 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including documentation of a patient's principal spoken language, shall be deemed to be in compliance with subdivision (a).

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