ASSEMBLY BILL   No. 503

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

February 23, 2015

An act to add Section 1797.122 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 503, as introduced, Rodriguez. Emergency medical services.

Existing law requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines for emergency medical services (EMS) systems that address several components, including, but not limited to, manpower and training, communications, transportation, and assessment of hospitals and critical care centers.

This bill would authorize a health facility, as defined, to release patient-identifiable medical inform a prehospital emergency medical services provider to the extent specific data elements are requested for quality assessment and improvement purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 　　SECTION 1.　Section 1797.122 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:
3 　　1797.122.　(a)　Notwithstanding any other law, a health facility
4 as defined in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 1250 may, but is not
5 required to, release patient-identifiable medical information under
6 the following circumstances:

1   (1) To a prehospital emergency medical services provider
2   information regarding a patient who was transported to the hospital
3   by that prehospital emergency medical services provider, to the
4   extent that specific data elements are requested for quality
5   assessment and improvement purposes.
6   (2) To the Emergency Medical Services Authority or the local
7   emergency medical services agency, to the extent that specific data
8   elements are requested for quality assessment and improvement
9   purposes.
10   (b) Each prehospital emergency medical services provider and
11 local emergency medical services agency, and the Emergency
12 Medical Services Authority shall request only those data elements
13 that are minimally necessary in compliance with Section 164.502
14 (b) and Section 164.514 (d) of Title 45 of the Code of Federal
15 Regulations.

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