

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 1, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to a hospital patient directory

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2805 of the public health law, as
2 added by chapter 795 of the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. No hospital shall be operated unless it shall: (a) possess a valid
4 operating certificate issued pursuant to this article, which certificate
5 may specify the kind or kinds of hospital services the facility is
6 authorized to provide; (b) establish and maintain a uniform system of
7 cost analysis approved by the commissioner; [~~and~~] (c) establish and
8 maintain a uniform system of reports and audits meeting the requirements
9 of the commissioner; and (d) have a directory of patients' information
10 that is established in a manner which the patient or the patient's legal
11 representative shall opt in after informed consent.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect eighteen months after it shall have
13 become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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