

Representative Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

MEDICAL RECORD ACCESS AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to a patient's health information contained by hospital systems.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires certain hospital systems to collectively select a method that allows a health care provider to access patient information for the patient the health care provider is treating; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate discussions between the hospital systems and other entities for improving patient access and patient control of medical information.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2024:

- ▶ to the Department of Health and Human Services - Operations - Data, Systems, & Evaluations, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$300,000.

Other Special Clauses:



26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **26-70-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 327

30 **63I-1-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 194, 206, 224, 253, 255,
31 347, and 451

32 ENACTS:

33 **26-21-36**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **26-70-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



36 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37 Section 1. Section **26-21-36** is enacted to read:

38 **26-21-36. Health care facilities within a hospital system.**

39 (1) As used in this section:

40 (a) "Hospital system" means the same as that term is defined in Section [26-70-101](#).

41 (b) "Medical information" means the same as that term is defined in Section

42 [26-70-101](#).

43 (2) Beginning July 1, 2025, a health care facility that is owned or operated by a hospital
44 system shall ensure that medical information collected by the health care facility is accessible
45 in accordance with Section [26-70-103](#).

46 Section 2. Section **26-70-101** is amended to read:

47 **CHAPTER 70. PATIENT HEALTH RECORD ACCESS**

48 **26-70-101. Definitions.**

49 As used in this chapter:

50 (1) "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,
51 Pub. L. No. 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936, as amended.

52 (2) "Hospital" means:

53 (a) a general acute hospital as defined in Section [26-21-2](#); and

54 (b) a specialty hospital as defined in Section [26-21-2](#).

55 (3) "Hospital system" means an entity that owns or operates at least five hospitals that
56 are licensed under Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

57 (4) "Medical information" means one or more of the following regarding a patient:

58 (a) for each time the patient is hospitalized:

59 (i) an admission history and physical exam; or

60 (ii) a discharge summary;

61 (b) the health care provider's notes regarding:

62 (i) an emergency room visit;

63 (ii) an urgent care visit;

64 (iii) a primary care outpatient care visit; or

65 (iv) a consultation office visit;

66 (c) a radiology report;

67 (d) a lab report; or

68 (e) a pathology report.

69 ~~[(2)]~~ (5) "Patient" means the individual whose information is being requested.

70 ~~[(3)]~~ (6) "Personal representative" means an individual described in 45 C.F.R. Sec.

71 164.502(g).

72 Section 3. Section **26-70-103** is enacted to read:

73 **26-70-103. Patient information access by a health care provider.**

74 (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, each hospital system shall ensure for a patient receiving
75 care in the hospital system's hospital that the patient's medical information maintained by all of
76 the hospital systems is accessible to a physician designated by the patient, preferably through
77 the use of single login.

78 (2) (a) The department shall facilitate discussions with each hospital system and the
79 One Utah Health Collaborative as to how to best achieve the requirement described in
80 Subsection (1).

81 (b) The department shall facilitate discussions with each hospital system and the
82 qualified networks within the state to accurately determine the costs of meeting the requirement
83 of Subsection (1) and determine where those costs would occur.

84 (c) The department shall facilitate discussions with each hospital system and the
85 qualified networks within the state to make recommendations about how to best improve a
86 patient's ability to control how, when, and where the patient's medical information is shared.

87 (3) The liability protections of Subsection [26-1-37\(5\)](#) apply to a hospital system's

88 compliance with Subsection (1).

89 (4) To better improve patient access to the patient's medical information, the
90 department shall communicate with each hospital system and with the One Utah Health
91 Collaborative to determine whether each hospital system, collectively, will create and adopt the
92 same policies regarding one or all of the following:

93 (a) the creation of a published provider directory that contains identifying information
94 of the providers to facilitate interfaces between systems;

95 (b) the establishment of technical specifications that would enable identity verification
96 and authentication both for a patient and a health care provider; and

97 (c) the creation of a consensus data sharing agreement for health care providers and
98 hospitals that is consistent with applicable federal and state laws.

99 (5) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
100 before November 1, 2023, and again between June 1, 2024, and November 1, 2024, regarding:

101 (a) any progress towards the hospital systems complying with Subsection (1);

102 (b) an analysis of costs as described in Subsection (2)(b);

103 (c) recommendations regarding the patient's control of medical information as
104 described in Subsection (2)(c); and

105 (d) whether a consensus has been achieved on any of the items listed in Subsection (4).

106 (6) Nothing in this section requires a hospital system to pay for a system described in
107 Subsection (1) that the hospital system does not control.

108 Section 4. Section **63I-1-226** is amended to read:

109 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates: Title 26 through 26B.**

110 (1) Section **26-1-7.5**, which creates the Utah Health Advisory Council, is repealed July
111 1, 2025.

112 (2) Section **26-1-40** is repealed July 1, 2022.

113 (3) Section **26-1-41** is repealed July 1, 2026.

114 (4) Section **26-1-43** is repealed December 31, 2025.

115 (5) Section **26-7-10** is repealed July 1, 2025.

116 (6) Subsection **26-7-11(5)**, regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1,
117 2028.

118 (7) Section **26-7-14** is repealed December 31, 2027.

- 119 (8) Section 26-8a-603 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 120 (9) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July
121 1, 2025.
- 122 (10) Subsection 26-10-6(5), which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee,
123 is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 124 (11) Section 26-10b-106, which creates the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed
125 July 1, 2025.
- 126 (12) Subsection 26-15c-104(3), relating to a limitation on the number of
127 microenterprise home kitchen permits that may be issued, is repealed July 1, 2022.
- 128 (13) Subsection 26-18-2.6(9), which addresses reimbursement for dental hygienists, is
129 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 130 (14) Section 26-18-27 is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 131 (15) Section 26-18-28 is repealed June 30, 2027.
- 132 (16) Title 26, Chapter 18, Part 2, Drug Utilization Review Board, is repealed July 1,
133 2027.
- 134 (17) Subsection 26-18-418(2), the language that states "and the Behavioral Health
135 Crisis Response Commission created in Section 63C-18-202" is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 136 (18) Section 26-33a-117 is repealed December 31, 2023.
- 137 (19) Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Health Data Authority Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 138 (20) Title 26, Chapter 36b, Inpatient Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed July 1,
139 2024.
- 140 (21) Title 26, Chapter 36c, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed
141 July 1, 2024.
- 142 (22) Title 26, Chapter 36d, Hospital Provider Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 143 (23) Section 26-39-201, which creates the Residential Child Care Licensing Advisory
144 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 145 (24) Section 26-39-405, Drinking water quality in child care centers, is repealed July 1,
146 2027.
- 147 (25) Section 26-40-104, which creates the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program
148 Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 149 (26) Section 26-50-202, which creates the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory

150 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2025.

151 (27) Title 26, Chapter 54, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund and
152 Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is repealed January 1, 2025.

153 (28) Title 26, Chapter 66, Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council, is repealed July 1,
154 2026.

155 (29) Title 26, Chapter 68, COVID-19 Vaccine Restrictions Act, is repealed July 1,
156 2024.

157 (30) Section 26-69-406 is repealed July 1, 2025.

158 (31) Section 26-70-103 is repealed July 1, 2025.

159 [~~31~~] (32) Subsection 26B-1-204(2)(i), related to the Residential Child Care Licensing
160 Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

161 [~~32~~] (33) Subsection 26B-1-204(2)(k), related to the Primary Care Grant Committee,
162 is repealed July 1, 2025.

163 Section 5. **Appropriation.**

164 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
165 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
166 fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
167 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
168 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

169 ITEM 1

170 To Department of Health and Human Services - Operations

171 From General Fund 300,000

172 Schedule of Programs:

173 Data, Systems, & Evaluations 300,000

174 The Legislature intends that the Department of Health and Human Services use the
175 appropriation, through one or more requests for proposal, to assist:

176 (1) the hospital systems to meet the obligations of Subsection 26-70-103(1); and

177 (2) in facilitating discussions and creating policies upon reaching a consensus as
178 described in Subsection 26-70-103(4).

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