

Fact Sheet

Draft Private Health Facility Data Regulation

What is the Regulation?

The South Australian Government is introducing new regulations to the Health Care Regulations (2008) to update the reporting requirements for private health facilities, including private hospitals and private day procedure centres.

The new regulations are outlined in the Health Care (Provision of Data and Statistics) Variation Regulations 2021 (the Regulation) document.

The draft regulation requires private health facilities to provide identified patient data to the Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW). This data will support statewide health service planning, population health planning and improving patient health outcomes.

The data that will be required from private health facilities is the same data that public hospitals are required to collect and report on. This include:

- > data relating to admitted patient care, which may include (without limitation) the health status of admitted patients, health services provided to those patients and health outcomes for those patients;
- > data relating to non-admitted patient emergency department care for presentations to an emergency department or emergency health service, which may include (without limitation) the health status of persons presenting to the service, health services provided to those persons and health outcomes for those persons; and
- > data relating to the occurrence of sentinel events*.

*Sentinel events are defined as adverse patient safety events that are preventable and result in serious harm to, or death of, a patient¹.

What will the data be used for?

The data will be used to support improvements across South Australia's health care system. This includes:

- > Supporting data driven decision making to improve patient health outcomes.
- > Supporting clinical improvements and operational efficiencies.
- > Supporting health reform and driving meaningful improvements across South Australia's health care system.

Why is there a public consultation?

SA Health is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of all South Australians. To do this, it is critical to understand health care across the entire health system. By consulting on the draft Regulation, we are empowering the South Australian community to provide their views on the new Regulation.

How will the Regulation impact the services provided by private health facilities?

The new Regulation will not impact the services provided by private health facilities.

The Regulation only relates to the data private health facilities are required to submit to the DHW.

How will data be collected?

Data will be supplied by private health facilities directly to DHW on a monthly basis via a secure transfer method.

How will privacy and security be managed?

The data collected will be stored on secure servers and computer systems. There are access control and audit processes in place to ensure only authorised staff have access to the information.

All DHW staff are bound by the [Health Care Act 2008](#), [Public Sector Act 2009](#) and the [Office for the Public Sector - Code of Ethics](#) to ensure patient confidentiality is protected and maintained.

What is changing in the Health Care Act 2008?

The Health Care Act is not being amended. However, the Regulation 100(2)(b) which authorises the collection of this data is being implemented as a part of the existing Health Care Act. The new Regulation is a variation to the Health Care Regulations (2008).

When will the final Regulation come into effect?

1 July 2022.

How can I submit my feedback?

You can join the conversation by providing your comments and feedback via:

- > [yourSAy](#)
- > emailing your feedback to health.corporateaffairsspecialprojects@sa.gov.au
- > posting your written feedback to:
 - C/o Corporate Affairs & Special Projects
 - SA Health
 - PO Box 287
 - Rundle Mall
 - Adelaide
 - SA 5000

How will my feedback be used?

Your feedback will be reviewed and considered during the analysis phase following the consultation period. It will be considered in finalising the Regulation.

When do I have to submit my feedback by?

Submit your feedback by 5pm Friday, 17th September 2021.

How can I find the outcome of the process?

Keep an eye out on our dedicated yourSAy webpage as updates will be provided there.

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, please email

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