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Re: Restraint and Seclusion Reporting

Since November 1, 2014, every general hospital, special hospital and psychiatric hospital has been providing data to the Department regarding the use of restraints and seclusions, as mandated at 25 Texas Administrative Code §415.272(g).

These requirements are applicable to any facility that is a Medicare or Medicaid provider and each facility is required to submit to the department on a quarterly basis, the data required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for hospital-based inpatient psychiatric service measures related to the use of restraint and seclusion. All hospitals that are licensed pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 241 and certified by CMS, and all psychiatric hospitals that are licensed pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 577, and certified by CMS, must report data to the department.

In addition, every crisis stabilization unit, community mental health service provider, the Waco Center for Youth, and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease must report according to 25 Texas Administrative Code §415.272(h).

Each facility must report their data online at the following address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/415F>.

The reporting tool itself has further guidance about the specific information that is required to be reported to the Department. If you have any further questions, please contact Patrick Waldron, Branch Manager, Health Facility Compliance at patrick.waldron@dshs.texas.gov or by phone at (512) 834-6700, ext. 2625. You may also wish to refer to our website at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/facilities> for more information.

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health of all Texans.

Sincerely,

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