§ 135.166. Health data – collection and use – collection from hospitals: Health Data

1. a. The department of public health shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the contractor selected through a request for proposals process to act as the department’s intermediary in collecting, maintaining, and disseminating hospital inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory data, as initially authorized in 1996 Iowa Acts, ch. 1212, §5, subsection 1, paragraph “a”, subparagraph (4), and 641 IAC 177.3.

b. The memorandum of understanding shall include but is not limited to provisions that address the duties of the department and the contractor regarding the collection, reporting, disclosure, storage, and confidentiality of the data.

2. Unless otherwise authorized or required by state or federal law, data collected under this section shall not include the social security number of the individual subject of the data.