Pennsylvania

Cancer Surveillance System

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<td>STATUTE: P.S. Title 35 Chapter 27A RULE: PA Code, Title 28, Chapter 27</td>
<td>§ 5636. Cancer registry (a) The Department of Health shall establish a system for the Statewide collection and dissemination of data on cases of cancer by anatomical site, medical and occupational history of patients, stage of disease and other data necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act as determined by the department.</td>
<td>§ 5636. Cancer Registry …(b) Persons in charge of hospitals and laboratories shall be required by the Department of Health, in accordance with its regulations adopted with the advice of the board to report cases of cancer on forms furnished by the department. § 5634. Responsibilities of the board. …(d) In order to implement in whole or in part the Pennsylvania Cancer Plan, the board shall recommend to the secretary the awarding of grants and contracts to qualified associations, nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies in order to plan, establish or conduct programs in cancer control or prevention, cancer education and training and cancer clinical research. (e) Grants and contracts may be recommended for:</td>
<td>§ 5636. Cancer Registry…(c) The reports required pursuant to this act shall be confidential and not open to public inspection or dissemination. This shall not restrict the collection and analysis of data by the Department of Health or those with whom the department contracts, nor shall it restrict the department from permitting the use of the reports and data contained therein for research purposes, subject to</td>
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(1) **Cancer registry.** [emphasis added]

(2) Cancer screening, detection and prevention.

(3) Cancer epidemiology and bio-statistical studies.

(4) Cancer community outreach programs, including, but not limited to, grants for the provision of facilities and personnel for conducting summer camps and other activities for cancer-afflicted children.

(5) Cancer rehabilitation.

(6) Communication and planning among cancer institutions.

(7) Cancer education and information.

(8) Cancer training.

(9) Cancer clinical research.

(f) Consistent with the Pennsylvania Cancer Plan the board shall give its first priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(1), (2), (3) and (4); second priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(5) and (6); third priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(7), (8) and (9).

strict supervision by the Department of Health to insure that the use of the reports is limited to specific research purposes.

§ 5637. Sunset provisions. With the exception of section 6, [FN1] this act shall expire on June 30, 2016, unless otherwise extended by an act of the General Assembly.
§ 27.31. Reporting cases of cancer.

(a) A hospital, clinical laboratory, or other health care facility providing screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services for cancer to cancer patients shall report each case of cancer…within 180 days of the patient’s discharge, if an inpatient or, if an outpatient, within 180 days following diagnosis or initiation of treatment.

(b) A health care practitioner providing screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to cancer patients for cancer shall report each cancer case…within 5 work days of diagnosis…

(c) The Department or its authorized representative shall be afforded physical access to all records of physicians and surgeons, hospitals, outpatient clinics, nursing homes and all other facilities, individuals or agencies providing services to patients which would identify cases of cancer or would establish characteristics of the cancer, treatment of the cancer or medical status of any identified cancer patient…. [emphasis added]

§ 27.31. Reporting cases of cancer. (d) Reports submitted under this section are confidential and may not be open to public inspection or dissemination. Information for specific research purposes may be released in accordance with procedures established by the Department with the advice of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board.
§ 27.4. Reporting cases.

(a) Except for reporting by a clinical laboratory, a case is to be reported to the LMRO serving the area in which a case is diagnosed or identified unless another provision of this chapter directs that a particular type of case is to be reported elsewhere. A clinical laboratory shall make reports to the appropriate office of the Department.

(b) Upon the Department’s implementation of its **electronic disease surveillance system** for certain types of case reports, persons who make those reports shall do so electronically using an application and reporting format provided by the Department. At least 6 months in advance of requiring a type of case report to be reported electronically, the Department will publish a notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* announcing when electronic reporting is to begin. *(emphasis added)*

(e) Case reports of cancer shall be sent to the Cancer Registry, Division of Health Statistics, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research, unless otherwise directed by the Department.