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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
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**SUBJECT:** Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA) Updates:  
Final Rule and New Statistics Reporting Form

**Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Code – Final Rule**

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) published [adopted amendments](#) to the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Code in the April 24, 2020 *Illinois Register* (see pages 6326-6376).

The amendments will implement several laws passed in 2018 and 2019 amending the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA):

- PA 100-775 that created a new category of treatment hospital with pediatric transfer and included significant new requirements for treatment hospitals;
- PA 100-1087 that required the offer of a shower after an exam; and
- PA 101-73 that allowed transfer of an adult survivor to a treatment hospital with pediatric transfer.

IHA's summary of these laws can be found on the Sexual Assault Survivor Treatment [page](#) of the IHA website.

Of note, there are two differences between the proposed and final rule, which were made in response to comments received during the first notice or public comment period. These changes include clarifying language: pertaining to how advocates from rape crisis centers are identified in hospital records, and specification that a survivor's consent must be obtained prior to transferring evidence from a transfer hospital to a treatment hospital.

**Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Updated Reporting Form**

The Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA) requires treatment hospitals to report certain statistics semi-annually to IDPH. The statistics required per SASETA are:

- Number of patients presenting with a complaint of sexual assault
- Number of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits:
  - Offered to all survivors and Offered to pediatric survivors
  - Completed for all survivors and Completed for pediatric survivors
  - Declined by all survivors and Declined by pediatric survivors.

IDPH is also requiring treatment hospitals to report the number of transfers received from a transfer hospital, treatment hospital with approved pediatric transfer or an Approved Pediatric

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Health Care Facility and out-of-state treatment hospitals to report the number of referrals from other entities.

IDPH has released an updated Excel spreadsheet and corresponding updated definitions for hospitals to use for this reporting, which can be found [here](#). The report is to be sent via email to [DPH.HospitalReports@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.HospitalReports@illinois.gov) by July 15 and January 15 each year.

For questions, please [contact IHA](#).