

**641—21.5 (135) Method and frequency of reporting.**

**21.5(1)** To the extent possible, activities conducted under this chapter shall be coordinated with other health data collection methods. The department shall obtain brain and spinal cord injury data from the Iowa Hospital Association pursuant to 641—Chapter 177, and the association shall serve as the department's intermediary in the collection of brain and spinal cord injury data.

**21.5(2)** Hospitals shall report to the Iowa Hospital Association the required information for any reportable case of brain injury or spinal cord injury no later than 45 days after the end of the quarter during which the patient was discharged, transferred to another acute care hospital, or pronounced dead in the emergency department.

**21.5(3)** Reports shall meet the data quality, format, and timeliness standards prescribed by the department and the Iowa Hospital Association.

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