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To: Hospital CEO's  
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From: Mary Driscoll RN MPH  
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Subject: **Temporary Suspension of Perioperative Nursing Data Collection**

For the past 6 months a group of nurse leaders, the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC), the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), have been meeting to look at data collection for the nurse staffing measures required by the Hospital Report Card Act, 210 ILCS 86. In particular, this group has been discussing the need for clarifications to the nurse staffing data collection process in order to standardize the data collection methodology within the framework of National Database for Nursing Quality Improvement (NDNQI). Standardizing the methodology for the collection of perioperative nurse staffing data has been challenging. As a result, the Department has chosen not to publically report and compare that data at this time. The Department is now temporarily suspending the collection of perioperative nursing staffing data until a standardized methodology is created. Please continue to submit nurse staffing data for all other clinical service areas as usual. It is the agency's goal to solicit further guidance on nurse staffing data collection from different organizations and health care authorities in the near future.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [mary.driscoll@illinois.gov](mailto:mary.driscoll@illinois.gov) or 312-793-2051.

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