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### Dear Chief Executive Officers of Public Hospitals

#### Re: Request for Information — Building Real-Time Intelligence for Health System Capacity Monitoring

To better understand and support health system capacity needs, the Ministry plans to collect hospital data — such as information on patient admissions, transfers, discharges, and care episodes — that occur as part of routine hospital operations. This information can provide valuable insights to help inform the policies, strategies, and programs that the Ministry develops and/or funds.

Clause 43(1)(h) of the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA) provides that a health information custodian may disclose personal health information about an individual if permitted or required by law. In addition, clause 23(b) of Regulation 965 made under the *Public Hospitals Act* provides that a hospital, when requested to do so by the Minister, shall provide information from records of personal health information to a person for purposes of information and data collection, organization, and analysis.

Effective **March 1, 2026**, pursuant to clause 23(b) of Regulation 965 made under the *Public Hospitals Act*, please provide Ontario Health — collecting on behalf of the Ministry of Health as its agent under PHIPA — with the personal health information set out in Schedule A, from your hospital's records for purposes of information and data collection, organization, and analysis related to this initiative. The information listed in Schedule A may be amended from time to time upon notice to you from the Ministry. Please note that **no manual submission is required at this time**, as explained in the following paragraph.

As the information set out in Schedule A is already transmitted through the Acute and Community Clinical Data Repository (acCCR) data feed from participating hospitals to Ontario Health in its role as the prescribed organization under PHIPA, Ontario Health will leverage this existing data feed to collect the data required for this request in its role

as the Ministry's agent under PHIPA, eliminating the need for manual submission and minimizing any additional burden on hospitals. At the same time, Ontario Health will ensure a clear and logical separation between the data collected under this request when acting as the Ministry's agent under PHIPA and the data maintained in the provincial Electronic Health Record (EHR) when acting as the prescribed organization under PHIPA. Ontario Health will reach out with further information for hospitals that do not yet contribute to the provincial EHR. Hospitals are advised to update their documentation to reflect that the acCDR data feed submitted to Ontario Health serves the distinct purposes of fulfilling this request and contributing to the provincial EHR.

The Ministry and Ontario Health will apply appropriate privacy and security measures, including data minimization and other safeguards. This includes removing information and identifiers not required for analysis.

The Ministry would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your hospital personnel cooperate with and support this initiative. If you have general questions about this initiative, please email [askhealthdata@ontario.ca](mailto:askhealthdata@ontario.ca) with the subject line: "Hospital Capacity Dataset." If you have technical questions, please contact [dataservice@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:dataservice@ontariohealth.ca) with the subject line: "Hospital Capacity Dataset."

This request shall remain in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,



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## Schedule A

### Hospital Capacity Dataset

The following data elements are defined in relation to the Acute and Community Clinical Data Repository (acCDR) Input Standard that Ontario Health establishes and maintains.

\*Derived field — extracted or mapped from HL7 message content based on acCDR Input Standard v2.6.1.

\*\*System-generated field — a composite value built by the system from HL7 message components.

ID	Field	Definition
1	Submission File Key	Submission File identification number (system-generated**).
2	Submission – Hospital Facility Number	Hospital Facility Number to identify the Submitting Facility (MSH-4*).
3	Submission - Hospital Master Number	Hospital Master Number to identify the Submitting Site (MSH-4*).
4	Submission Date & Time	Date and time the file was submitted (system-generated**).
5	Record Key	Unique Record ID - Identifies a specific record for review, modification, deletion (system-generated**).
6	Record Status	The record status determines whether the record is new, deleted or modified (MSH-9.2*).
7	Record Status Description	Text description of the ADT event associated with the record status (MSH-9.2*).
8	Record Type	Identifies whether the record is for the production or test environment (MSH-11*).
9	Patient Class	A category or class of patients (PV1-2*).
10	Organization ID	Identifier of the organization where the visit took place (PV1*).
11	Organization Name	The name of the organization where the visit took place (derived from PV1*).
12	HCN Issuer	Jurisdiction that issued the Health Care Number (PID-3.4*).
13	HCN Value	The Health Care Number (HCN) is the patient's unique health care coverage number (PID-3.1 CX.1*).
14	MRN Issuer	The name of the organization that issued the MRN (hospital site or hospital corporation) (PID-3.4*).
15	MRN	The patient's MRN (PID-3.1*).
16	Patient Surname	Patient surname (PID-5.1*).
17	Patient Given Names	Patient given names (PID-5.2*).
18	Patient Date of Birth	The date the patient was born (PID-7*).
19	Patient Postal Code	The postal code of the patient's home address (PID-11.5*).
20	Visit ID Number	Unique ID for encounter; facility-derived number (PV1-19*).
21	Admit Date & Time (Combined)	The date that the patient was officially registered as an inpatient (PV1-44*).
22	Discharge Date & Time (Combined)	The date when the patient was formally discharged (PV1-45*).
23	Patient Service	Describes a group of similar patients with related diseases, conditions, problems or circumstances and interventions (PV1-10*).
24	Entry Code	Indicates the last point of entry prior to being admitted as an inpatient to the reporting facility, when applicable. (PV1-14 with PV1-4 as fallback*).
25	Triage Level	CTAS score (1 to 5) for each patient triaged through the Emergency Department. (PV2-40*).
26	Bed Type	Describes the type of bed the patient is occupying within the hospital in alignment with daily bed census definitions (PV1-3.9*).
27	Disposition	Describes the location or status of a patient upon discharge (PV1-36*).
28	ED Arrival Date & Time	Date & time of arrival in the Emergency Department (PV1-44*).
29	Facility	Assigned patient location - Facility: Identifies the site at which the patient is located (PV1-3.4*).
30	Building	Assigned patient location - Building (PV1-3.7*).

31	Floor	Assigned patient location - Floor (PV1-3.8*).
32	Point of Care	Assigned patient location - Point of care (PV1-3.1*).
33	Room	Assigned patient location - Room (PV1-3.2*).
34	Bed	Assigned patient location - Bed (PV1-3.3*).
35	Recorded Date/Time	Recorded Date/Time of the event. (EVN-2*).
36	Admit Reason for Emergency Visit	For an ED visit activation or update, field may contain a presenting complaint if it is captured and available (PV2-3*).
37	Admit Source	Identifies where the patient came from prior to being admitted (PV1-14*).
38	Admission Type	Patient admission type (PV1-4*).
39	Prior Visit Number	Prior Visit Number (MRG-5*).
40	Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis code related to the visit or encounter (DG1-3*).
41	Date/Time of Message	Date/Time of the message creation (MSH-7*).
42	Message Profile Identifier	acCDR version identifier (MSH-21*).
43	Sending Application for acCDR	Identifies the unique sending application for acCDR (MSH-3*).
44	Bed Type Description	Text description of the type or category of bed the patient is occupying (PV1-3.9*).
45	Prior Patient Location	Previous assigned location (PV1-6*).