**Section 235.160 Communication and Annual Report**

The Department will communicate with *health care facilities to maximize the use of the* adverse health care event *reporting system to improve health care quality.* (Section 10-30(b) of the Act)

a) The Department will collect and analyze data from adverse health care event reports *to determine patterns of* system *failure in the health care system and successful methods to correct these failures.*  (Section 10-30(b) of the Act)

b) The data collected will be used to provide adverse health care event prevention recommendations to Illinois health care facilities and to help to ensure a data base of adverse health care event reports that will provide greater understanding of adverse health care events and promote the reduction of risk for those events.

c) The Department will publish an annual report to increase general knowledge about adverse health care events, their causes, and strategies for prevention. This report will be made available to the public.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 375, effective December 23, 2015)