

BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES HEARING
LSA DOCUMENT #08-61

HEARING OFFICER REPORT

This matter came before the duly appointed Hearing Officer, Dawn M. Adams, on the 28th day of August, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Notice of time and place of the hearing was given as provided by law by publishing on August 4, 2008, in the *Indianapolis Star* and by publishing in the *Indiana Register* dated August 6, 2008. Proof of publication of this notice has been received by the ISDH and the notice and proof are hereby incorporated into the record of this cause by reference and placed in the official files of the ISDH.

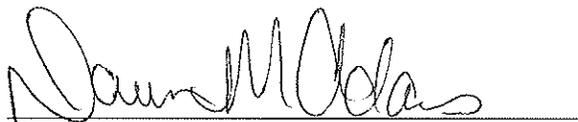
WRITTEN STATEMENT

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On behalf of the Indiana Hospital Association, Mr. Grover and Ms. Lee recommended a change to language for Section 2.29(a)(1)(D)(vi) to state: "Excluded are pressure ulcers identified as being present on admission at any stage or those identified as possible deep tissue injury (not associated with trauma) on admission or those unstageable because of the presence of eschar. Mr. Grover's and Ms. Lee's comments are attached and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 1.

There were no oral statements.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 28th day of August, 2008.



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Comments re: LSA Document #08-61 to update and modify the reporting of serious adverse events.

On behalf of the membership of the Indiana Hospital Association, we would like to express our appreciation for the work of the Indiana State Department of Health in crafting these proposed rules and allowing our input throughout the process.

The Indiana Hospital Association is supportive of the proposed changes to the rule and has one suggestion that may clarify pressure ulcers that were noted as present on admission or developed as the result of a deep tissue injury prior to admission.

In collaboration with James Spahn, MD, whom spoke on pressure ulcers at our recent symposium, we would offer this language for Section 2.29(a)(1)(D)(vi):

(vi) Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers acquired after admission to the hospital. Excluded are pressure ulcers identified as being present on admission at any stage or those identified as possible deep tissue injury (not associated with trauma) on admission or those unstageable because of the presence of eschar.

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