

## Patient Safety Protections Require Hospitals to Comply With Mandated Protocols

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It is becoming ever more important for healthcare institutions to ensure that their understanding of, and literal compliance with, the provisions of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act's Patient Safety protections are up-to-date.

Section 1303.311 of the MCARE Act contains provisions which create an institutional "patient safety" process, and provides protections that afford to healthcare institutions the ability to report and investigate "serious events or incidents," and develop and implement solutions to systemic patient safety problems that may be exposed during litigation discovery in the future.

Andy Ralston addresses these provisions in his article, "Patient Safety Protections Require Hospitals to Comply with Mandated Protocols."

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