

**[CORRECTED COPY]**  
**CHAPTER 90**

**AN ACT** concerning notification of patient deaths in health care facilities and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:2H-5e Adoption of policies for notifying family members of patient deaths by health care facilities.

1. A general or special hospital, nursing home or assisted living residence licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall, commencing no later than the 180th day after the effective date of this act and as prescribed by regulation of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, adopt and maintain written policies and procedures to delineate the responsibilities of its staff for prompt notification of a family member, guardian or other designated person about a patient's death and confirmation and written documentation of that notification.

2. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 9, 2004.