

1 "Authorized repair provider" means an individual or
2 business who is unaffiliated with an original equipment
3 manufacturer and who has an intellectual property arrangement
4 with the original equipment manufacturer. "Authorized repair
5 provider" includes an original equipment manufacturer who offers
6 to provide inspection, diagnostic, maintenance, or repair
7 services for powered medical equipment manufactured by or on
8 behalf of, or sold or otherwise supplied by, an original
9 equipment manufacturer, and who does not have an intellectual
10 property arrangement with an unaffiliated individual or
11 business.

12 "Documentation" means any manual, diagram, reporting
13 output, service code description, schematic, or other guidance
14 or information use in effecting the provision of inspection,
15 diagnostic, maintenance, or repair services for powered medical
16 equipment.

17 "Embedded software" means any programmable instructions
18 provided on firmware delivered with powered medical equipment,
19 or with an applicable part thereof, for purposes of equipment
20 operation. "Embedded software" includes all relevant patches
21 and fixes to powered medical equipment, or any part thereof,



1 made by the original equipment manufacturer for purposes of
2 equipment operation.

3 "Fair and reasonable terms", with respect to:

4 (1) Obtaining a part, a tool, documentation, or training
5 course and materials, means at costs and upon terms
6 that are equivalent to the most favorable costs and
7 terms under which the original equipment manufacturer
8 offers the part, tool, documentation, or training
9 course and materials to an authorized repair provider
10 that:

11 (A) Accounts for any discount, rebate, convenient
12 means of delivery, means of enabling fully
13 restored and updated functionality, rights of
14 use, or other incentive or preference that the
15 original equipment manufacturer offers to an
16 authorized repair provider, or any additional
17 cost, burden, or impediment that the original
18 equipment manufacturer imposes on an independent
19 repair provider;

20 (B) Are not conditioned on imposing a substantial
21 obligation or restriction that is not reasonably



1 necessary for enabling the owner or independent
2 repair provider to engage in the diagnosis,
3 maintenance, or repair of powered medical
4 equipment made by or on behalf of the original
5 equipment manufacturer; and

6 (C) Are not conditioned on the existence an
7 intellectual property arrangement;

8 (2) Documentation requested in physical printed form,
9 including any relevant documentation updates, means
10 only the reasonable actual costs of preparing and
11 sending physical documentation;

12 (3) Documentation not requested in physical printed form,
13 including any relevant documentation updates, means at
14 no charge; and

15 (4) Obtaining software tools, means at no charge and
16 without:

17 (A) Requiring authorization or internet access to
18 perform, or imposing impediments to access or use
19 during, the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair;
20 and



1 (B) Enabling full functionality of powered medical
2 equipment in a manner that impairs the efficient
3 and cost-effective performance of any of those
4 activities.

5 "Firmware" means a software program or set of instructions
6 programmed on powered medical equipment, or any part thereof, to
7 allow the equipment or part to communicate within the equipment
8 or part or with other computer hardware.

9 "Independent repair provider":

10 (1) Means, with respect to an original equipment
11 manufacturer, an individual or business operating in
12 the State, that:

13 (A) Is engaged in the services of inspection,
14 diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of powered
15 medical equipment;

16 (B) Does not have an intellectual property
17 arrangement with the original equipment
18 manufacturer of the subject powered medical
19 equipment; and

20 (C) Is not affiliated with any individual or business
21 having an intellectual property arrangement with



1 the original equipment manufacturer of the
2 subject powered medical equipment; and

3 (2) Includes an original equipment manufacturer or an
4 individual or business that:

5 (A) Has an arrangement with that original equipment
6 manufacturer or is affiliated with an individual
7 or business that has an arrangement with that
8 original equipment manufacturer; and

9 (B) Engages in the provision of inspection,
10 diagnostic, maintenance, or repair services for
11 powered medical equipment that is not
12 manufactured by or on behalf of, or sold or
13 otherwise supplied by, that original equipment
14 manufacturer.

15 "Intellectual property arrangement" means an arrangement
16 between an original equipment manufacturer and an authorized
17 repair provider under which the original equipment manufacturer
18 grants to the individual or business a license to use a trade
19 name, service mark, or other proprietary identifier for the
20 purposes of offering to provide diagnostic, maintenance, or
21 repair services for digital electronic equipment manufactured by



1 or on behalf of, or sold or otherwise supplied by, an original
2 equipment manufacturer.

3 "Original equipment manufacturer" means a business engaged
4 in the business of selling, leasing, or otherwise supplying to
5 any individual or business new powered medical equipment
6 manufactured by or on behalf of the manufacturing business.

7 "Owner" means an individual or business that owns or leases
8 powered medical equipment.

9 "Part" means any new or used replacement part made
10 available by an original equipment manufacturer for purposes of
11 effecting the provision of inspection, diagnostic, maintenance,
12 or repair services for powered medical equipment manufactured by
13 or on behalf of, or sold or otherwise supplied by, the original
14 equipment manufacturer.

15 "Powered medical equipment" or "equipment" means any
16 powered instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance,
17 implant, or other article, including a component part or
18 accessory thereof, that is used in the treatment, monitoring, or
19 diagnosis of a medical patient.

20 "Tools" means any software program, hardware implement, or
21 other apparatus used in the provision of inspection, diagnosis,



1 maintenance, or repair of powered medical equipment, including
2 software or other mechanisms that provide, program, or pair a
3 new part; calibrate functionality; or perform any other function
4 required to bring the powered medical equipment back to fully
5 functional condition.

6 "Trade secret" has the same meaning as in section 482B-2.

7 **§ -3 Requirements.** (a) Each original equipment
8 manufacturer shall make available to each applicable owner and
9 independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable terms:

10 (1) Documentation, parts, and tools, including any updates
11 to information or embedded software, used in the
12 inspection, diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the
13 applicable equipment; provided that nothing in this
14 paragraph shall be construed as requiring an original
15 equipment manufacturer to make available a part that
16 is no longer available to the original equipment
17 manufacturer; and

18 (2) Training courses and materials regarding the
19 operation, inspection, diagnosis, maintenance, and
20 repair of the powered medical equipment.



1 (b) For powered medical equipment containing an electronic
2 security lock or other security-related function, the original
3 equipment manufacturer shall make available to each applicable
4 owner and independent repair provider, on fair and reasonable
5 terms, any special documentation, tools, and parts needed to
6 reset any lock or function that is disabled during the
7 inspection, diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the equipment;
8 provided that the original equipment manufacturer may make
9 available the special documentation, tools, and parts through
10 appropriate secure release systems.

11 (c) If the original equipment manufacturer makes an
12 express warranty with respect to powered medical equipment, the
13 wholesale price of which is equal to or greater than \$100, the
14 original equipment manufacturer shall provide during the
15 warranty period all applicable parts, tools, and documentation
16 necessary to enable the repair of the equipment at an equitable
17 price and terms providing for convenient delivery and enabling
18 of functionality; provided that, in determining the price and
19 terms provided for herein, the original equipment manufacturer
20 shall take the following into consideration:



- 1 (1) The actual cost to the original equipment manufacturer
- 2 to prepare and distribute the part, tool, or
- 3 documentation, exclusive of any research and
- 4 development costs incurred by the original equipment
- 5 manufacturer;
- 6 (2) The ability of the owner of independent repair
- 7 provider to pay for the part, tool, or documentation;
- 8 and
- 9 (3) The means by which the part, tool, or documentation is
- 10 distributed.

11 **§ -4 Enforcement by attorney general.** Violation of any

12 of the provisions of this chapter is an unlawful practice under

13 section 480-2. All remedies, penalties, and authority granted

14 to the attorney general by chapter 480 shall be available for

15 the enforcement of this chapter.

16 **§ -5 Limitations.** Nothing in this chapter shall be

17 construed as:

- 18 (1) Requiring an original equipment manufacturer to
- 19 divulge a trade secret to an owner or independent
- 20 repair provider, except as necessary to provide



1 documentation, parts, and tools on fair and reasonable
2 terms; and

3 (2) Altering the terms of any intellectual property
4 arrangement in force between an authorized repair
5 provider and an original equipment manufacturer,
6 including the performance or provision of warranty or
7 recall repair work by an authorized repair provider on
8 behalf of an original equipment manufacturer pursuant
9 to the arrangement; provided that any provision in the
10 terms that purports to waive, avoid, restrict, or
11 limit the original equipment manufacturer's
12 obligations to comply with this chapter shall be void
13 and unenforceable.

14 **§ -6 Applicability.** This chapter shall apply to
15 equipment sold or in use on or after the effective date of this
16 Act."

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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AG; Medical Devices; Right to Repair; Powered Medical Equipment

Description:

Requires manufacturers of powered medical equipment to make available to powered medical equipment owners and independent repair providers parts, equipment, tools, documentation, and training courses and materials. Requires manufacturers to provide tools to repair equipment having a cost greater than or equal to \$100. Creates a right of action by the Attorney General for certain violations of the State's medical device right to repair laws.

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