

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §55-7B-7a

## **§55-7B-7a. Admissibility and use of certain information.**

(a) In an action brought, there is a rebuttable presumption that the following information may not be introduced unless it applies specifically to the injured person or it involves substantially similar conduct that occurred within one year of the particular incident involved:

- (1) A state or federal survey, audit, review or other report of a health care provider or health care facility;
- (2) Disciplinary actions against a health care provider's license, registration or certification;
- (3) An accreditation report of a health care provider or health care facility; and
- (4) An assessment of a civil or criminal penalty.

(b) In any action brought alleging inappropriate staffing or inadequate supervision, if the health care facility or health care provider demonstrates compliance with the minimum staffing requirements under state law, the health care facility or health care provider is entitled to a rebuttable presumption that appropriate staffing and adequate supervision of patients to prevent accidents were provided, and the jury shall be instructed accordingly.

(c) In any action brought alleging inappropriate staffing or inadequate supervision, if staffing is less than the minimum staffing requirements under state law, then there is a rebuttable presumption that there was inadequate supervision of patients and that inadequate staffing or inadequate supervision was a contributing cause of the patient's fall and injuries or death arising therefrom, and the jury shall be instructed accordingly.

(d) Information under this section may only be introduced in a proceeding if it is otherwise admissible under the West Virginia Rules of Evidence.