

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to patient admission status
 3 notification; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; providing
 4 requirements for licensed facilities for patient
 5 notification regarding admission status; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Subsections (9) through (11) of section
 11 395.301, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10)
 12 through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to
 13 that section to read:

14 395.301 Itemized patient bill; form and content prescribed
 15 by the agency; patient admission status notification.—

16 (9) (a) If a licensed facility determines that a patient
 17 should be placed on an observation status rather than admission
 18 status, the facility shall notify the patient orally and in
 19 writing, and include the written notice in the patient's record,
 20 of the observation status before the patient is discharged. Such
 21 oral and written notice shall include:

22 1. A statement that the patient is not admitted to the
 23 facility but is under observation status;

24 2. A statement that observation status may affect the
 25 patient's Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance coverage for:

26 a. Hospital services, including medications and

27 pharmaceutical supplies;

28 b. Home or community-based care or care at a skilled
29 nursing facility, including rehabilitative services, upon the
30 patient's discharge; and

31 c. A recommendation that the patient contact his or her
32 health insurance provider to determine the implications of
33 placement in observation status and his or her right to appeal
34 the determination.

35 (b) The written notice must be signed and dated by the
36 patient receiving the notice or the patient's legal guardian,
37 conservator, or other authorized representative at the time of
38 notification.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.