

By Senator Garcia

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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 395.301,
11 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10) through
12 (12), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to that
13 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; and

28 b. Home or community-based care or care at a skilled
29 nursing facility, including rehabilitative services, upon the

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30 patient's discharge.

31 3. 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.