

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to hospital observation status;
 3 amending s. 395.301, F.S.; requiring a licensed
 4 facility, upon placing a patient on observation
 5 status, to immediately notify the patient of such
 6 status using a specified form; requiring that such
 7 notification be documented in the patient's medical
 8 records and discharge papers; providing an effective
 9 date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 395.301, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 395.301 Price transparency; itemized patient statement or
 16 bill; patient admission status notification.—

17 (3) If a licensed facility places a patient on observation
 18 status rather than inpatient status, the licensed facility must
 19 immediately notify the patient of such status using the form
 20 adopted under 42 C.F.R. s. 489.20. Such notification ~~observation~~
 21 services shall be documented in the patient's medical records
 22 and discharge papers. The ~~patient or the patient's~~ survivor or
 23 legal guardian shall be notified of observation services through
 24 discharge papers, which may also include brochures, signage, or
 25 other forms of communication for this purpose.

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26 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019. |