

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 certain forms; 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 for Medicare patients or a  
 21   form adopted by agency rule for non-Medicare patients. Such  
 22   notification ~~observation services~~ shall be documented in the  
 23   patient's medical records and discharge papers. The ~~patient or~~  
 24   ~~the~~ patient's survivor or legal guardian shall be notified of  
 25   observation services through discharge papers, which may also

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26 | include brochures, signage, or other forms of communication for  
27 | this purpose.

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