

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to patient access to primary care
 3 providers; creating s. 395.1052, F.S.; requiring a
 4 hospital to notify a patient's primary care provider
 5 within a specified timeframe after the patient's
 6 admission; requiring a hospital to inform a patient,
 7 upon admission, of the option to request consultation
 8 between the patient's primary care provider and the
 9 treating physician at the hospital; requiring a
 10 hospital to notify a patient's primary care provider
 11 of the patient's discharge and provide specified
 12 information and records to the primary care provider
 13 within a specified timeframe after discharge;
 14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 395.1052, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 395.1052 Patient access to primary care provider;
 21 notification.—Each hospital shall:

22 (1) Notify the patient's primary care provider, if any,
 23 within 24 hours after the patient's admission to the hospital.

24 (2) Inform a patient immediately upon admission that he or
 25 she may request to have the treating physician at the hospital

26 | consult with the patient's primary care provider, if any, when
27 | developing the patient's plan of care. Upon the patient's
28 | request, the treating physician at the hospital shall make
29 | reasonable efforts to consult with the patient's primary care
30 | provider when developing the patient's plan of care.

31 | (3) Notify the patient's primary care provider, if any, of
32 | the patient's discharge from the hospital within 24 hours after
33 | discharge.

34 | (4) Provide the discharge summary and any related
35 | information or records to the patient's primary care provider,
36 | if any, within 7 days after the patient's discharge from the
37 | hospital.

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