

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

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

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

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

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

26 (2) Inform a patient immediately upon admission that he or
27 she may request to have the treating physician at the hospital
28 consult with the patient's primary care or specialist provider,
29 if any, when developing the patient's plan of care. Upon the
30 patient's request, the treating physician at the hospital shall
31 make reasonable efforts to consult with the patient's primary
32 care or specialist provider when developing the patient's plan
33 of care.

34 (3) Notify the patient's primary care or specialist
35 provider, if any, of the patient's discharge from the hospital
36 within 24 hours after discharge.

37 (4) Provide the discharge summary and any related
38 information or records to the patient's primary care or
39 specialist provider, if any, within 7 days after the patient's
40 discharge from the hospital.

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