



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3405

Introduced 2/4/2026, by Sen. Laura Fine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 330/11 new
210 ILCS 85/6.35 new

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Prior to discharge of a postpartum patient, requires a hospital to ensure that a postpartum follow-up appointment is scheduled with an appropriate obstetric care provider. Provides that the appointment shall be scheduled for a date consistent with clinical guidelines, but no later than 6 weeks following birth, unless an earlier visit is medically indicated. Provides that a registered nurse or other designated clinical staff member may fulfill the scheduling requirement. Provides that a patient may decline to have an appointment scheduled, and such declination shall be documented in the patient's medical record. Establishes specified exemptions from discipline if an attempt to schedule an appointment was made. Grants the Department of Public Health rulemaking authority. Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act to establish the same requirements for the University of Illinois Hospital. Effective January 1, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Hospital Act is
5 amended by adding Section 11 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 330/11 new)

7 Sec. 11. Postpartum appointment scheduling required. The
8 University of Illinois Hospital shall comply with Section 6.35
9 of the Hospital Licensing Act.

10 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
11 adding Section 6.35 as follows:

12 (210 ILCS 85/6.35 new)

13 Sec. 6.35. Postpartum appointment scheduling required.

14 (a) In this Section:

15 "Postpartum patient" means an individual who has given
16 birth and is receiving inpatient post-delivery care.

17 "Postpartum follow-up appointment" means an appointment
18 with a licensed obstetrician-gynecologist, certified nurse
19 midwife, or other qualified obstetric provider.

20 (b) Prior to discharge of a postpartum patient, a hospital
21 shall ensure that a postpartum follow-up appointment is

1 scheduled with an appropriate obstetric care provider.

2 (c) The appointment shall be scheduled for a date
3 consistent with clinical guidelines, but no later than 6 weeks
4 following birth, unless an earlier visit is medically
5 indicated.

6 (d) A registered nurse or other designated clinical staff
7 member may fulfill the scheduling requirement.

8 (e) A patient may decline to have an appointment
9 scheduled, and such declination shall be documented in the
10 patient's medical record.

11 (f) A registered nurse or other designated clinical staff
12 may not be disciplined or penalized if a postpartum follow-up
13 appointment before the patient is 6 weeks postpartum is
14 unavailable as long as an attempt to schedule was made.

15 (g) The Department of Public Health may adopt rules
16 necessary to implement and enforce this Section.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
18 January 1, 2027.