



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2453

Introduced 02/17/05, by Rep. Elizabeth Coulson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 85/6.09

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 147.09

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires a hospital's discharge planner to provide the patient with information to enable the patient to contact the Department on Aging's case coordination unit. Requires that hospital procedures in connection with giving a discharge notice include prohibitions against discharges or referrals to unlicensed, uncertified, or unregistered facilities or service providers that are required to be licensed, certified, or registered. Effective immediately.

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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 Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 6.09 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.09) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 147.09)

7 Sec. 6.09. (a) In order to facilitate the orderly
8 transition of aged and disabled patients from hospitals to
9 post-hospital care, whenever a patient who qualifies for the
10 federal Medicare program is hospitalized, the patient shall be
11 notified of discharge at least 24 hours prior to discharge from
12 the hospital. Pending approval from the patient, the discharge
13 planner must inform his or her designated case coordination
14 unit, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 240.260, of the pending
15 discharge and must provide the patient with the case
16 coordination unit's telephone number and other contact
17 information.

18 (b) Every hospital shall develop procedures for a physician
19 with medical staff privileges at the hospital or any
20 appropriate medical staff member to provide the discharge
21 notice prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section. The
22 procedures must include prohibitions against discharging or
23 referring a patient to an unlicensed, uncertified, or
24 unregistered facility or service provider that is required to
25 be licensed, certified, or registered. The procedure may also
26 include a waiver for any case in which a discharge notice is
27 not feasible due to a short length of stay in the hospital by
28 the patient, or for any case in which the patient voluntarily
29 desires to leave the hospital before the expiration of the 24
30 hour period.

31 (c) At least 24 hours prior to discharge from the hospital,
32 the patient shall receive written information on the patient's

1 right to appeal the discharge pursuant to the federal Medicare
2 program, including the steps to follow to appeal the discharge
3 and the appropriate telephone number to call in case the
4 patient intends to appeal the discharge.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-487.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.