

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to patient admission status  
3           notification; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; providing  
4           requirements for licensed medical facilities for  
5           patient notification regarding admission status;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsections (9) through (11) of section  
11   395.301, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10)  
12   through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to  
13   that section to read:

14           395.301   Itemized patient bill; form and content prescribed  
15   by the agency; patient admission status notification.—

16           (9) If a licensed facility places a patient on observation  
17   status rather than inpatient status, observation services shall  
18   be documented in the patient's discharge papers. The patient or  
19   the patient's proxy shall be notified of observation services  
20   through discharge papers, which may also include brochures,  
21   signage, or other forms of communication for this purpose.

22           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.