A bill to be entitled
An act relating to patient access to primary care providers; creating s. 395.1052, F.S.; requiring a hospital to notify a patient's primary care provider within a specified timeframe after the patient's admission; requiring a hospital to inform a patient, upon admission, of the option to request consultation between the patient's primary care provider and the treating physician at the hospital; requiring a hospital to notify a patient's primary care provider of the patient's discharge and provide specified information and records to the primary care provider within a specified timeframe after discharge; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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