

HOUSE BILL 1062

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Health and Government Operations/Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegates Cullison, Costa, Elliott, Kach, A. Kelly, Krebs, Oaks, and Reznik**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Notice to Patients – Outpatient Status and Billing Implications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital, under certain circumstances, to provide
4 certain notice to a patient of the patient's outpatient status and the billing
5 implications of the outpatient status; requiring the Department of Health and
6 Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain hospitals, to adopt by regulation
7 ~~standard language for~~ standardized elements to be included in a certain written
8 notice; and generally relating to notices provided by hospitals to patients.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 19–349.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 **19-349.1.**

5 (A) A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE ORAL AND WRITTEN NOTICE TO A
6 PATIENT OF THE PATIENT'S OUTPATIENT STATUS ~~AND THE BILLING~~
7 ~~IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTPATIENT STATUS,~~ THE BILLING IMPLICATIONS OF
8 THE OUTPATIENT STATUS, AND THE IMPACT OF THE OUTPATIENT STATUS ON
9 THE PATIENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICARE REHABILITATION SERVICES IF:

10 (1) THE PATIENT RECEIVES ON-SITE SERVICES FROM THE
11 HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN ~~18~~ 23 CONSECUTIVE HOURS;

12 (2) THE ON-SITE SERVICES RECEIVED BY THE PATIENT INCLUDE
13 A HOSPITAL BED AND MEALS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN AN AREA OF THE
14 HOSPITAL OTHER THAN THE EMERGENCY ROOM; AND

15 (3) THE PATIENT IS CLASSIFIED AS AN OUTPATIENT AT THE
16 HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION RATHER THAN AN ADMITTED INPATIENT.

17 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH HOSPITALS IN THE
18 STATE, SHALL ADOPT BY REGULATION ~~STANDARD LANGUAGE FOR~~
19 STANDARDIZED ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE
20 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.