

# HOUSE BILL 1062

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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 to adopt by regulation standard language for a certain written  
7 notice; and generally relating to notices provided by hospitals to patients.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 19–349.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **19–349.1.**

17 **(A) A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE ORAL AND WRITTEN NOTICE TO A**  
18 **PATIENT OF THE PATIENT'S OUTPATIENT STATUS AND THE BILLING**  
19 **IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTPATIENT STATUS IF:**

20 **(1) THE PATIENT RECEIVES ON-SITE SERVICES FROM THE**  
21 **HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN 18 CONSECUTIVE HOURS;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4           **(3) THE PATIENT IS CLASSIFIED AS AN OUTPATIENT AT THE**  
5 **HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION RATHER THAN AN ADMITTED INPATIENT.**

6           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT BY REGULATION STANDARD**  
7 **LANGUAGE FOR THE WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
8 **THIS SECTION.**

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