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Overview

This bill requires hospitals licensed in Minnesota to provide observation notices to patients placed on observation and conduct discharge planning with patients.

Section

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Requirements for certain notices and discharge planning. Adds § 144.586.

Subd. 1. Observation stay notice. (a) Requires a hospital to provide oral and written notice to every patient placed in observation status about the placement not later than 24 hours after the placement. Requires the notice to include, among other things, a recommendation that the patient contact certain persons.

(b) Requires the hospital to document the date of the notice in the patient's record.

Subd. 2. Postacute care discharge planning. Requires a hospital to comply with federal hospital requirements for discharge planning and lists federal requirements. Federal requirements include, but are not limited to, conducting a discharge planning evaluation and a list of Medicare eligible home care agencies or skilled nursing facilities. Requires the hospital to document in the patient's record that the list was presented to the patient.