

HB0809



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2007, by Rep. Elizabeth Coulson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 85/6.09

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 147.09

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that with regard to pending discharges to a skilled nursing facility, the hospital must provide for an assessment by a case coordination unit prior to discharge. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 6.09 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.09) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 147.09)

7 Sec. 6.09. (a) In order to facilitate the orderly
8 transition of aged and disabled patients from hospitals to
9 post-hospital care, whenever a patient who qualifies for the
10 federal Medicare program is hospitalized, the patient shall be
11 notified of discharge at least 24 hours prior to discharge from
12 the hospital. With regard to pending discharges to a skilled
13 nursing facility, the hospital must provide for an assessment
14 by a case coordination unit, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code
15 240.260, prior to discharge or if home health services are
16 ordered, the hospital must inform its designated case
17 coordination unit, as defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 240.260, of
18 the pending discharge and must provide the patient with the
19 case coordination unit's telephone number and other contact
20 information.

21 (b) Every hospital shall develop procedures for a physician
22 with medical staff privileges at the hospital or any
23 appropriate medical staff member to provide the discharge

1 notice prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section. The
2 procedures must include prohibitions against discharging or
3 referring a patient to any of the following if unlicensed,
4 uncertified, or unregistered: (i) a board and care facility, as
5 defined in the Board and Care Home Registration Act; (ii) an
6 assisted living and shared housing establishment, as defined in
7 the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act; (iii) a facility
8 licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act; (iv) a supportive
9 living facility, as defined in Section 5-5.01a of the Illinois
10 Public Aid Code; or (v) a free-standing hospice facility
11 licensed under the Hospice Program Licensing Act if licensure,
12 certification, or registration is required. The Department of
13 Public Health shall annually provide hospitals with a list of
14 licensed, certified, or registered board and care facilities,
15 assisted living and shared housing establishments, nursing
16 homes, supportive living facilities, and hospice facilities.
17 Reliance upon this list by a hospital shall satisfy compliance
18 with this requirement. The procedure may also include a waiver
19 for any case in which a discharge notice is not feasible due to
20 a short length of stay in the hospital by the patient, or for
21 any case in which the patient voluntarily desires to leave the
22 hospital before the expiration of the 24 hour period.

23 (c) At least 24 hours prior to discharge from the hospital,
24 the patient shall receive written information on the patient's
25 right to appeal the discharge pursuant to the federal Medicare
26 program, including the steps to follow to appeal the discharge

1 and the appropriate telephone number to call in case the
2 patient intends to appeal the discharge.

3 (Source: P.A. 94-335, eff. 7-26-05.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.