

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2023

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 Delete lines 7 through 31 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Discharge’ means the release of a patient from a hospital following admission to the**
4 **hospital.**

5 **“(b) ‘Lay caregiver’ means:**

6 **“(A) For a patient who is younger than 14 years of age, a parent or legal guardian of the**
7 **patient.**

8 **“(B) For a patient who is at least 14 years of age and not older than 17 years of age, an**
9 **individual designated by the patient or a parent or legal guardian of the patient to the extent**
10 **permitted under ORS 109.640 and 109.675.**

11 **“(C) For a patient who is 18 years of age or older, an individual designated by the patient.**

12 **“(2) A hospital shall adopt and enforce policies for the discharge of a patient who is**
13 **hospitalized for mental health treatment. The policies must be publicly available and include,**
14 **at a minimum, all of the following:**

15 **“(a) Encouraging the patient to sign an authorization for the disclosure of information**
16 **that is necessary for a lay caregiver to participate in the patient’s discharge planning and**
17 **to provide appropriate support to the patient following discharge including, but not limited**
18 **to, discussing the patient’s prescribed medications and the circumstances under which the**
19 **patient or lay caregiver should seek immediate medical attention.**

20 **“(b) Assessing the patient’s risk of suicide, with input from the lay caregiver if appro-**
21 **priate.**

22 **“(c) Assessing the long-term needs of the patient including:**

23 **“(A) The patient’s need for community-based services;**

24 **“(B) The patient’s capacity for self-care; and**

25 **“(C) Whether the patient can be properly cared for in the place where the patient was**
26 **residing when the patient presented at the hospital.**

27 **“(d) A process to ensure the coordination of the patient’s care and a seamless transition**
28 **from an acute care setting to outpatient treatment that may include community-based pro-**
29 **viders, peer support, the lay caregiver and others who can execute the patient’s care plan**
30 **following discharge.**

31 **“(e) Scheduling follow-up appointments for no later than seven days after discharge and**
32 **supporting the patient’s transition from hospital care to community-based care.**

33 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2016.”.**

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