

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 University of Illinois Hospital Act is
5 amended by adding Section 8a as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 330/8a new)

7 Sec. 8a. Notice to patient of outpatient status.

8 (a) The University of Illinois Hospital shall provide
9 notice of a patient's outpatient status to the patient or the
10 patient's designee if:

11 (1) the patient receives onsite services from the
12 hospital for more than 23 consecutive hours;

13 (2) the onsite services received by the patient include
14 a hospital bed and meals that have been provided in an area
15 of the hospital other than the hospital emergency room; and

16 (3) the patient has not been formally admitted as an
17 inpatient at the hospital.

18 (b) The patient notice required under subsection (a) shall
19 include a statement that:

20 (1) outpatient observation status may impact coverage
21 determinations made by the federal Medicare program or the
22 patient's insurance company for hospital and post-hospital
23 payments;

1 (2) final decisions related to outpatient observation
2 status can be made after a patient is no longer a patient
3 at the hospital and after a patient has received hospital
4 services or other services; and

5 (3) a patient should contact his or her provider of
6 benefits under the Medicare or Medicaid program or his or
7 her health insurance provider if the patient has specific
8 questions about the coverage.

9 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding
10 Section 6.22a as follows:

11 (210 ILCS 85/6.22a new)

12 Sec. 6.22a. Notice to patient of outpatient status.

13 (a) A hospital shall provide notice of a patient's
14 outpatient status to the patient or the patient's designee if:

15 (1) the patient receives onsite services from the
16 hospital for more than 23 consecutive hours;

17 (2) the onsite services received by the patient include
18 a hospital bed and meals that have been provided in an area
19 of the hospital other than the hospital emergency room; and

20 (3) the patient has not been formally admitted as an
21 inpatient at the hospital.

22 (b) The patient notice required under subsection (a) shall
23 include a statement that:

24 (1) outpatient observation status may impact coverage

1 determinations made by the federal Medicare program or the
2 patient's insurance company for hospital and post-hospital
3 payments;

4 (2) final decisions related to outpatient observation
5 status can be made after a patient is no longer a patient
6 at the hospital and after a patient has received hospital
7 services or other services; and

8 (3) a patient should contact his or her provider of
9 benefits under the Medicare or Medicaid program or his or
10 her health insurance provider if the patient has specific
11 questions about the coverage.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.