

House Bill 3378

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires hospital to adopt written discharge policies. Specifies requirements for policies.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to hospital discharge planning with lay caregivers.

Whereas Oregon's health care transformation efforts include improved health care by achieving the "Triple Aim" objectives of reducing costs, improving health and enhancing patient experience, including engaging the patient and family caregiver as part of the care team; and

Whereas family and other lay caregivers play an important role in supporting their loved ones during and after a hospitalization; and

Whereas family caregivers are valued members of the patient centered care team and supporting family caregivers will further promote high quality care; and

Whereas best practices for admission, discharge planning and time of discharge recognize the unique needs of each patient and each patient's support group; and

Whereas about half of all family and other lay caregivers perform medical or nursing tasks such as wound care, complex medication management and injections for their loved ones; and

Whereas most family and other lay caregivers receive little or no training for these complex tasks; and

Whereas most patients do not receive a home visit by a health care professional after discharge from a hospital; and

Whereas hospitals are continuously striving to improve patient care and outcomes while reducing unnecessary readmissions; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 441.

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

(a) "Aftercare" includes all of the following:

(A) Assistance with activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living.

(B) Medical or nursing tasks such as wound care, the administration of medications and the operation of medical equipment.

(C) Other assistance provided by a caregiver to a patient, following the patient's discharge, that is related to the patient's condition at the time of discharge.

(b) "Discharge" means a patient's release from a hospital following the patient's admission to the hospital.

(c) "Lay caregiver" means an individual, designated by a patient, who is not a licensed health professional and who may provide aftercare.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

