

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2023**

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 fol-**
4 **lowing admission to the hospital.**

5 **“(b) ‘Lay caregiver’ means:**

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

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

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

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

18 **“(a) Encouraging the patient to sign an authorization for the dis-**
19 **closure of information that is necessary for a lay caregiver to partic-**
20 **ipate in the patient’s discharge planning and to provide appropriate**
21 **support to the patient following discharge including, but not limited**
22 **to, discussing the patient’s prescribed medications and the circum-**

1 **stances under which the patient or lay caregiver should seek immedi-**
2 **ate medical attention.**

3 **“(b) Assessing the patient’s risk of suicide, with input from the lay**
4 **caregiver if appropriate.**

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

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

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

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

11 **“(d) A process to ensure the coordination of the patient’s care and**
12 **a seamless transition from an acute care setting to outpatient treat-**
13 **ment that may include community-based providers, peer support, the**
14 **lay caregiver and others who can execute the patient’s care plan fol-**
15 **lowing discharge.**

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

19 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on July**
20 **1, 2016.”**

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