
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 457—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires a hospital to provide certain information upon discharge to certain older patients. (BDR 40-116)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to medical facilities; requiring a hospital to provide certain information upon discharge to certain older patients; requiring a hospital to provide certain information to certain social service agencies before discharging certain older patients; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires a hospital to provide certain information to a patient when
2 the patient is admitted or discharged. (NRS 449.730) This bill requires a hospital,
3 upon discharging a patient who is 65 years of age or older, to provide the patient
4 with the contact information for and an explanation of services provided by the
5 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human
6 Services and, when possible, a nonprofit organization which specializes in
7 providing services to persons with the health condition of the patient. If no such
8 nonprofit organization exists, then such information must be provided for a social
9 service agency located in the county in which the patient resides which provides
10 services to older persons. If the patient has been discharged from a hospital on
11 another occasion within the immediately preceding 30 days, this bill further
12 requires the hospital, with the consent of the patient or his or her legal
13 representative, to contact a social service agency which provides services to older
14 persons that is located within the county in which the patient resides to notify the
15 social service agency about the discharge of the patient and other information to
16 assist the agency in determining the services it may offer to the patient.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *In addition to any other information a hospital is required*
4 *to provide upon discharge to a patient, every hospital shall, upon*
5 *the discharge of a patient who is 65 years of age or older from the*
6 *hospital, provide to the patient or the patient's legal representative*
7 *a written disclosure which must set forth:*

8 (a) *The contact information for the Aging and Disability*
9 *Services Division of the Department of Health and Human*
10 *Services, including, without limitation, the address and telephone*
11 *number, and an explanation of the services provided by the Aging*
12 *and Disability Services Division; and*

13 (b) *The contact information, including, without limitation, the*
14 *address and telephone number for:*

15 (1) *A nonprofit organization in this State which specializes*
16 *in providing services to persons with the health condition of which*
17 *the patient was diagnosed, if such an agency is present in this*
18 *State, and an explanation of the services provided by the nonprofit*
19 *organization; or*

20 (2) *A public agency or organization located in the county in*
21 *which the patient resides which provides social services for older*
22 *persons that may be of assistance to the patient and an*
23 *explanation of the services provided by the agency or organization.*

24 2. *In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, if a patient*
25 *who is 65 years of age or older has been admitted to a hospital on*
26 *another occasion within the immediately preceding 30 days, before*
27 *discharging the patient, the hospital shall, with the consent of the*
28 *patient or the patient's legal representative, contact an agency*
29 *located within the county which provides social services to older*
30 *persons that would be of assistance to the patient to provide*
31 *information to assist the agency in providing services to the*
32 *patient, including, without limitation:*

33 (a) *Information regarding the residence of the patient;*

34 (b) *An explanation of any diagnosis of the patient and any*
35 *information relating to the medical condition of the patient; and*

36 (c) *Any other information requested by the agency to assist the*
37 *agency in determining the appropriate services it may offer to the*
38 *patient.*

