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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospitals to include warning in patient discharge papers concerning risks of addiction and overdose associated with opioid medications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning hospitals and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Each general acute care hospital licensed pursuant to
8 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall include with patient
9 discharge papers, provided that the patient is discharged from the
10 hospital with a prescription for an opioid drug, information
11 concerning the risks of addiction, overdose, and death associated
12 with the use of opioid medications. The informational materials
13 shall include contact information for substance use disorder
14 treatment and recovery resources for those seeking treatment for a
15 substance use disorder involving opioids. The Department of
16 Health shall develop informational materials that hospitals may use
17 for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section.

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19 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment,
20 except that the Commissioner of Health may take any
21 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary to
22 implement the provisions of this act.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires all general acute care hospitals to include with
28 discharge papers for patients discharged from the hospital with a
29 prescription for an opioid drug information concerning the risks of
30 addiction, overdose, and death associated with the use of opioid
31 medications. The information is to include contact information for
32 substance use disorder treatment and recovery resources. The
33 Department of Health will be required to develop informational
34 materials that may be used by hospitals for the purpose of
35 complying with the requirements of the bill. The bill will take
36 effect 60 days after the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of
37 Health will be authorized to take any advance administrative action
38 as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.