

House Bill 2023

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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**.

Specifies requirements for hospital protocol for discharge planning involving patient who is hospitalized for behavioral health crisis.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to protocols for a health care facility's discharge of a patient who presented with a be-
3 havioral health crisis.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 441.015 to**
6 **441.063.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) A hospital shall develop, implement and enforce a protocol for the dis-**
8 **charge of a patient who is hospitalized, for treatment or for observation, for a behavioral**
9 **health crisis. The protocol must include:**

10 (a) **Locating a family member, or other appropriate person, who is willing and able to**
11 **assist the patient after discharge;**

12 (b) **Encouraging the patient to sign an authorization for the release of information nec-**
13 **essary for a family member or other appropriate person to meaningfully participate in the**
14 **discharge planning and support of the patient upon discharge;**

15 (c) **Documenting efforts to involve a family member or other appropriate person in dis-**
16 **charge planning;**

17 (d) **Documenting the patient's and the family member or other appropriate person's**
18 **willingness to follow through with the discharge plan;**

19 (e) **Allowing the patient's physician or mental health treatment provider to involve a**
20 **family member or other appropriate person in discharge planning without the patient's con-**
21 **sent if the patient expresses suicidal ideation, or the physician or provider believes in good**
22 **faith that the patient poses a threat to the patient's own health and safety or the health and**
23 **safety of others;**

24 (f) **Assessing the long term needs of the patient and developing a plan to ensure that the**
25 **patient's needs are met;**

26 (g) **Coordinating the patient's care with the patient's employment or educational needs;**
27 **and**

28 (h) **Meeting any applicable outcome and quality measures established by the Oregon**
29 **Health Authority.**

30 (2) **The hospital shall make publicly available the protocol described in subsection (1) of**
31 **this section.**

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.

