AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1907

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1   Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "billing

2 implications"

3   Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 10, by striking out

4 "Within 90 days of the effective date of this" in line 2, all of

5 lines 3 through 9 and "facility or home-based and community-

6 based care" in line 10 and inserting

7   A hospital shall provide notice to a patient or patient's
8 designee of the patient's outpatient status, and information
9 that provides a general description of outpatient observation
10 status,

11   Amend Bill, page 2, lines 19 through 30; page 3, lines 1

12 through 3, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and

13 inserting

14   (b) Contents.--A patient notice required under subsection
15 (a) shall include a statement that:
16   (1) outpatient observation status may impact coverage
17   determinations made by the Federal Medicare Program or the
18   patient's insurance company for hospital and posthospital
19   payments;
20   (2) final decisions related to outpatient observation
21   status can be made after a patient is no longer a patient at
22   the hospital and after a patient has received hospital
23   services or other services; and
24   (3) a patient should contact Medicare, Medicaid or any
25   other insurance provider if the patient has specific
26   questions about the coverage.
27   (c) Information.--A hospital shall provide information to a
28 patient concerning observation status as follows:
29   (1) by written notice; and
30   (2) by oral notice, which must include a summary of the
31   notice provided under paragraph (1) or, at the request of the
32   patient, the notice provided under paragraph (1).

1 Section 4. Change in status.
2   If, during or after a patient receives a hospital service, a
3 patient's inpatient stay is later recategorized, a hospital
4 shall not be responsible for a coverage implication or notice
5 requirement under the act.

6   Amend Bill, page 3, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "July 1,

7 2014, or immediately, whichever is later" and inserting

8   in 180 days