

**§1718-F. Disclosure related to observation status for Medicare patients**

A health care entity, as defined in section 1718-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, shall disclose to a patient who is covered by the federal Medicare program and who is on observation status and not an admitted patient at the health care entity the following information in a single notice: [PL 2019, c. 670, §3 (NEW).]

**1. Medicare outpatient observation notice.** The Medicare outpatient observation notice required under 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 489.20(y); [PL 2019, c. 670, §3 (NEW).]

**2. Impact on patient's financial liability.** Notification that observation status may have an impact on the patient's financial liability; and [PL 2019, c. 670, §3 (NEW).]

**3. Opportunity to discuss potential financial liability.** Notification that the patient may meet with a representative from the health care entity's financial office to discuss the patient's potential financial liability. [PL 2019, c. 670, §3 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2019, c. 670, §3 (NEW).

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