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DIGEST

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Proposed law provides legislative intent for requiring additional patient protections to protect patients receiving hospice services in a licensed facility other than an inpatient hospice facility.

Proposed law defines "hospice care" and "facility".

Proposed law establishes patient rights for patients receiving hospice care in a facility other than an inpatient hospice facility.

Proposed law requires a patient specific written care plan for any patient enrolled in hospice that is receiving care in a facility other than an inpatient hospice facility and requires that the plan be made available to the patient and the patient's family or patient's authorized representative upon request.

Proposed law requires every facility with a patient receiving hospice care to maintain a detailed patient log including information specified in proposed law and requires the log to be made available to the patient and the patient's family or patient's authorized representative upon request.

Proposed law requires that when a hospice patient is transferred or relocated from one facility to another, the transferring facility shall immediately notify the patient's hospice provider and the patient's family or patient's authorized representative and requires the notification to include the patient's current care plan and a notice that a new care plan will be developed within six hours of the patient being transferred to the receiving facility.

Proposed law prohibits a facility from retaliating against or restricting access to a patient's family or patient's authorized representative because concerns were raised regarding patient care and requires any facility restriction on visitation or access to a hospice patient to be ordered by a provider who is identified, clinically justified, documented in writing, and communicated to the patient's family or patient's authorized representative prior to the restriction being implemented.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to ensure compliance with proposed law and authorizes the department to issue corrective action plans and assess administrative penalties as determined by the department.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.26)