

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New 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.

New law defines "facility" as a nursing facility, assisted living facility, or licensed residential care setting providing inpatient care.

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

New 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 authorized family member or the patient's authorized representative upon request.

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

New law requires that when a hospice patient is transferred or relocated from one facility to another, the transferring facility shall 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 24 hours of the patient being transferred to the receiving facility.

New 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.

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

Effective August 1, 2026.

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