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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to rights of hospital patients and residents.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

3 Section 1. NEW SECTION. PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS. A per-
4 son who is a patient or resident of a hospital, as defined
5 in section one hundred thirty-five A point two (135A.2) of
6 the Code, shall have the following rights:

7 1. To receive considerate and respectful care.

8 2. To obtain, either personally or by a person on the
9 patient's behalf, from a physician or a resident physician
10 of a hospital complete and current information concerning
11 the diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in terms and language
12 the patient can reasonably be expected to understand.

13 3. To know by name and specialty, if any, the physician
14 responsible for coordination of the patient's care.

15 4. To receive every consideration of privacy and individ-
16 uality related to the patient's social, religious, and psy-
17 chological welfare.

18 5. To receive every consideration of privacy and respect-
19 fulness related to the patient's medical care program, in-
20 cluding confidential and discreet conducting of case discus-
21 sion, consultation, examination, and treatment.

22 6. To expect the hospital to make a reasonable response
23 to the requests of the patient.

24 7. To obtain information as to any relationship of the
25 hospital to other health care and related institutions relating

1 to the patient's care.

2 8. To expect continuity of care, including information
3 as to what appointment times are available with a physician.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill creates a bill of rights for hospital patients
6 and residents similar to the one enacted in Minnesota.

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