

HB 1154 -- HOSPITAL DISCHARGE OF HOMELESS PATIENTS

SPONSOR: Collins

Before January 1, 2022, the bill requires hospitals to adopt a written policy on discharging homeless patients. The policy requires the hospital to make sure a homeless patient is discharged to a safe and appropriate location, arrange for care, referrals to the appropriate agencies, and coordination of services. The hospital shall offer the homeless patient a meal, weather-appropriate clothing, screening and immunizations for any possible diseases, and transport the homeless patient to his or her discharge location within 30 miles of the hospital.