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Research Analysis

The Senate Amendments to HB 1600 specifies that the patient has the right to receive information in plain language and in a timely and accessible manner. The measure also adds that for a patient with one or more disabilities this right will include the use of accessible websites and the provision of auxiliary aids and services as well as providing the provision of language services for patients with limited English proficiency. The Senate Amendments also add that an individual has the right to review and obtain a copy of medical records with full disclosure of any fees for copies. The Senate Amendments removes the specification that a domestic partner that can visit a patient includes a same-sex domestic partner.

The second floor amendment for HB 1600 creates the "Lori Brand Patient Bill of Rights Act of 2025," which outlines that each patient treated in the state must have the following rights when being treated:

- The right to considerate and respectful care provided in a safe environment;
- To receive information in a manner they understand;
- To receive as much information about any proposed treatment or procedure in order to give informed consent;
- To have an advance directive attorney or to designate a surrogate decision-maker;
- To participate in the development and implementation of their plan of care; •
- To accept medical care or refuse treatment;
- To become aware of their rights as a patient in advance of, or when discontinuing, the provision of care;
- To have a family member or representative notified of their admission to the hospital;
- To request no information on their admittance, diagnosis, or treatment be released;
- To review records and obtain a copy of records and have information on the cost of fees disclosed;
- To reasonable continuity of care;
- To confidential treatment of all communications and records related to the hospital stay;
- To expect that the hospital will make a reasonable response to the request of a patient for appropriate care and services;
- The patient or patient's representative has the right to participate in the consideration of ethical issues using a mechanism implemented and maintained by the hospital;
- To be advised of the hospital's complaint or grievance process;
- To access or have accessed protective and advocacy services;
- To receive an explanation of their bill;
- To remain free of restraints or seclusion that aren't medically necessary;
- To receive the visitors whom they designate; and
- Inform Medicare beneficiaries in advance of procedures or treatment in which Medicare may deny treatment.

The measure also outlines responsibilities for a patient, guardian of a patient, or legally authorized representative. The measure also outlined the following rights for a minor patient.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB 1600 creates the Lori Brand Patient Bill of Rights Act of 2025, outlining the rights of patients when seeking treatment in Oklahoma. HB 1600 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.