

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CS for Senate Bill 72(HSS) Draft vsn F Sectional Overview

### Section 1. AS 18.20 adds new sections:

**Sec. 18.20.500:** Requires hospital, before discharge, assess the patient, provide patient opportunity to designate a lay caregiver, and that the lay caregiver consents/agrees to provide patient with aftercare in the patient's home

**Sec. 18.20.510:** Requires a hospital to provide opportunity for lay caregiver to participate in the discharge planning of the patient; and that the hospital provide training and/or instruction on how to perform medical and nursing aftercare to the lay caregiver prior to patient's discharge

**Sec. 18.20.520:** Requires a hospital to notify the lay caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer

**Sec. 18.20.530:** Directs the hospital to adopt and maintain written discharge policies. The policies must comply with this chapter. The written policy must specify requirements for naming of the designated lay caregiver and those policies may incorporate best practices for hospital discharge planning, such as those outlined in Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) ....and that the discharge plan is appropriate for the patient's condition. The discharge plan may not delay a discharge or transfer of a patient or oblige hospital to divulge patient's health information to lay caregiver without patient's consent

**Sec. 18.20.540:** The hospital and its contractors are protected from lawsuit in regard to the discharge planning of a patient

**Sec. 18.20.550:** This chapter may not interfere with or supersede the powers/duties of an agent or legal guardian acting upon a health care directive

**Sec. 18.20.590:** Provides definitions

**Section 2:** effective date of January 1, 2017.