Bill Introduced to Require Hospitals to Alert Families After Overdose Discharge



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Senate Bill 4430, introduced in the New Jersey Senate on May 19, 2025, would require hospitals to notify the family of any patient who is released from the hospital following a drug overdose if certain criteria are met. Specifically, hospitals would be required to attempt to contact a family member of the patient if the hospital possesses contact information for a family member and if informing a family member of the patient's drug overdose and hospital release is consistent with federal and State laws, including federal and State privacy laws. When the conditions are met, hospitals would have 72 hours from when the patient is released to attempt such contact.

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