
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires in-person visitation at certain healthcare facilities under certain circumstances.

Proposed law provides that no hospital, nursing home, licensed nursing facility, inpatient hospice facility, or other healthcare facility shall deny visitation of members of the clergy or persons designated by any adult patient or resident in its care.

Proposed law provides that provisions of proposed law shall not apply if prevented by individual clinical considerations of the patient's treatment. Proposed law further provides that clinical considerations shall not factor into end-of-life situations.

Proposed law provides that minors shall have the right to in-person visitation with parents or legal guardians at all times.

Proposed law provides that visitation by clergy or designated family members shall be allowed upon the request of the patient or resident subject only to individual clinical considerations of the patient or resident.

Proposed law shall apply during all times including but not limited to declared public health emergencies.

Proposed law provides that all visitation policies and procedures shall be established in accordance with law and rules adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.56)