

## S 1349

### NOTICE Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 14, 2015

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 186.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 186. (Jul 30, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1349>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 14, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 18, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 876	Related bill	Aug 6, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-42.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility Act or the NOTICE Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require a hospital or critical access hospital with an agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to give each individual who receives observation services as an outpatient for more than 24 hours an adequate oral and written notification within 36 hours after beginning to receive them which:

- explains the individual's status as an outpatient and not as an inpatient and the reasons why;
- explains the implications of that status on services furnished (including those furnished as an inpatient), in particular the implications for cost-sharing requirements and subsequent coverage eligibility for services furnished by a skilled nursing facility;
- includes appropriate additional information;
- is written and formatted using plain language and made available in appropriate languages; and
- is signed by the individual or a person acting on the individual's behalf (representative) to acknowledge receipt of the notification, or if the individual or representative refuses to sign, the written notification is signed by the hospital staff who presented it.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 30, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. With written report No. 114-107.
- **Jul 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 186.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 14, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 14, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.