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TO: Health Care Administration Board Members

THROUGH: Justin Rodriguez, Assistant Commissioner  
Certificate of Need and Licensing Division

FROM: Michael J. Kennedy, Executive Director  
Certificate of Need and Healthcare Licensure Program

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Rulemake  
Notice of Adoption N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.2 and 4.1  
Hospital Licensing Standards: Patient Support Person

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The Department of Health (Department) requests approval to file the attached notice of adoption of amendments at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.2 and 4.1, Hospital Licensing Standards, applying to all hospitals, for publication in the *New Jersey Register*.

The adopted amendments would require hospitals that the Department licenses pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G to allow a patient in an emergency department and a patient who is admitted to a hospital to designate a support person who would serve as a member of the patient's healthcare team to support and encourage the patient and assist with the patient's communication with hospital staff during the patient's hospitalization. The adopted amendments would be consistent with guidance memoranda and waivers that the Department issued during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Following your approval, the Department would file the notice with the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the *New Jersey Register*.

I, or a representative of my office, will be present at the meeting to answer any questions that you may have regarding the attached material. Thank you.

Attachment