

# HOUSE BILL No. 1443

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-27-1-18.

**Synopsis:** Notice for home health service patients. Provides that a home health agency may not terminate or discontinue providing some or all home health services provided for a patient unless the home health agency has provided the patient written notification at least 15 days before the termination or discontinuation of the home health services.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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January 17, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-27-1-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 18. (a) This section does not apply to the termination  
4 or discontinuation of a home health service provided to a patient  
5 if:**  
6 (1) the home health agency has been informed by the patient  
7 that the home health service is terminated or discontinued; or  
8 (2) the home health agency and patient have mutually agreed  
9 to terminate or discontinue the home health service.  
10 (b) A home health agency that has accepted a patient for care  
11 may not terminate or discontinue providing one (1) or more of the  
12 home health services provided for the patient unless the home  
13 health agency has provided the patient written notification of the  
14 termination or discontinuation at least fifteen (15) days before the  
15 termination or discontinuation.

