



## **Support HB 23a – Recovery Care Services**

Please support the provision of HB 23a that conforms Florida law to federal Medicare provisions that allow a patient to stay in an ASC for up to 24 hours.

Allowing patients to stay a little longer if necessary in an ASC saves the trauma of an unnecessary hospital transfer and the extra cost.

It provides more treatment options for patients and doctors that are otherwise healthy enough for outpatient surgery.

Outpatient surgery in an ASC is at a substantially lower cost to patients and payers. The same procedure is usually 40% or more lower than the same procedure provided by the same surgeon in a hospital setting.

HB 23a also creates a new post surgery recovery option for Florida patients and doctors.

Experience in other states shows that this can be done at a substantially lower cost than recovery stay in a hospital and without exposure to non-surgical severely ill patients.

Experiences in others states have demonstrated that there was little effect on the financial situation of nearby hospitals.

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