Ohio Revised Code
Section 3727.71 Designation of lay caregiver.
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(A) In the case of a patient who is at least fifty-five years of age and not unconscious or otherwise incapacitated at the time of admission, a hospital shall offer the patient or the patient's guardian an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver for the patient. The offer shall be made after the patient's admission and before the patient's discharge.

(B) In the case of a patient who is at least fifty-five years of age and unconscious or otherwise incapacitated at the time of admission, a hospital shall offer the patient or the patient's guardian an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver for the patient. The offer shall be made after the patient regains consciousness or capacity and before the patient's discharge.