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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to information required to be provided and  
2 published relative to health care benefits provided through  
3 public funds or which are uncompensated and providing an  
4 effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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UNCOMPENSATED CARE

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2 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135M.1 PATIENT INFORMATION  
3 REQUIRED -- UNCOMPENSATED CARE.

4 1. An individual who is the recipient of health care  
5 services in a hospital and is uninsured shall disclose to the  
6 hospital the identity of the employer of the proposed  
7 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed  
8 beneficiary of health care benefits is not employed, the  
9 individual shall identify the employer of any adult who is  
10 responsible for providing support to the proposed beneficiary.

11 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January  
12 1 annually thereafter, each hospital shall submit a report to  
13 the department of human services providing the information  
14 collected under subsection 1 in a compiled format. The  
15 reports submitted shall be used by the department of human  
16 services to compile the report required pursuant to section  
17 217.30A. The department of human services shall adopt rules  
18 regarding the form to be used and the information to be  
19 collected under subsection 1. Information collected shall not  
20 include the name of any individual proposed beneficiary and  
21 shall be collected in a manner that complies with all privacy  
22 standards established by state or federal law.

23 3. For purposes of this section, "proposed beneficiary"  
24 means an individual who receives health care services in a  
25 hospital who is uninsured or the person on whose behalf the  
26 individual receives health care benefits through the hospital,  
27 including but not limited to a child or other dependent of the  
28 individual.

29 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 217.30A REPORT ON HEALTH CARE  
30 BENEFICIARIES.

31 1. On or before January 15, 2007, and on or before each  
32 January 15 annually thereafter, the department of human  
33 services shall submit a report to the governor and the general  
34 assembly specifying all employers identified pursuant to  
35 sections 135M.1, 249A.3A, and 514I.12 that, combined, employ

1 twenty-five or more proposed beneficiaries as defined in those  
2 sections. In determining whether an employer meets the  
3 threshold of employing twenty-five or more proposed  
4 beneficiaries, the department of human services shall include  
5 all proposed beneficiaries employed by the employer and its  
6 subsidiaries at all locations within the state. The report  
7 shall include the name of the employer, the location of the  
8 employer, and the total number of the employer's employees and  
9 dependents of employees who are proposed beneficiaries. The  
10 report shall also include the total cost to the state for  
11 providing health care benefits to the employees and dependents  
12 of the employees of the employers identified. The report  
13 shall not include the name of any individual proposed  
14 beneficiary and shall comply with all privacy standards  
15 established by state or federal law. The report shall also be  
16 made available to the public.

17 2. The department of human services shall adopt rules  
18 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

19 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 249A.3A APPLICANT INFORMATION  
20 REQUIRED -- PUBLISHING INFORMATION.

21 1. An applicant for the medical assistance program shall  
22 disclose the identity of the employer of the proposed  
23 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed  
24 beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall identify the  
25 employer of any adult who is responsible for providing support  
26 to the proposed beneficiary.

27 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January  
28 1 annually thereafter, the department shall compile the  
29 information collected under subsection 1. The information  
30 compiled shall be used by the department of human services to  
31 compile the report required pursuant to section 217.30A. The  
32 department of human services shall adopt rules regarding the  
33 form to be used and the information to be collected under  
34 subsection 1. Information collected shall not include the  
35 name of any individual proposed beneficiary and shall be

1 collected in a manner that complies with all privacy standards  
2 established by state or federal law.

3 3. For the purposes of this section, "proposed  
4 beneficiary" means an individual who files an application for  
5 medical assistance for the individual or the person on whose  
6 behalf the individual files an application, including but not  
7 limited to a child or other dependent of the applicant or  
8 other individual for whom the application is filed.

9 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 514I.12 APPLICANT INFORMATION  
10 REQUIRED -- PUBLISHING INFORMATION.

11 1. An applicant for the hawk-i program shall disclose the  
12 identity of the employer of the proposed beneficiary of health  
13 care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is not employed,  
14 the applicant shall identify the employer of any adult who is  
15 responsible for providing support to the proposed beneficiary.

16 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January  
17 1 annually thereafter, the department shall compile the  
18 information collected under subsection 1. The information  
19 submitted shall be used by the department of human services to  
20 compile the report required pursuant to section 217.30A. The  
21 department of human services shall adopt rules regarding the  
22 form to be used and the information to be collected under  
23 subsection 1. Information collected shall not include the  
24 name of any individual proposed beneficiary and shall be  
25 collected in a manner that complies with all privacy standards  
26 established by state or federal law.

27 3. For the purposes of this section, "proposed  
28 beneficiary" means an individual who files an application for  
29 the hawk-i program for the individual or the person on whose  
30 behalf the individual files an application, including but not  
31 limited to a child or other dependent of the applicant or  
32 other individual for whom the application is filed.

33 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,  
34 2006.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill requires individuals who are the recipients of  
2 health care services in a hospital and are uninsured to  
3 disclose the identity of the employer of the proposed  
4 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed  
5 beneficiary of health care benefits is not employed, the  
6 individual is required to identify the employer of any adult  
7 who is responsible for providing support to the proposed  
8 beneficiary. The bill also requires that an applicant for the  
9 medical assistance program or the hawk-i program disclose the  
10 identity of the employer of the proposed beneficiary of health  
11 care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is not employed,  
12 the applicant is required to identify the employer of any  
13 adult who is responsible for providing support to the proposed  
14 beneficiary. The required provision of information is to  
15 begin January 1, 2006.

16 The bill provides that on or before January 1, 2007, and on  
17 or before January 1 annually thereafter, each hospital is  
18 required to compile the information submitted by individuals  
19 regarding employers and submit a report of this information to  
20 the department of human services. Additionally, on or before  
21 January 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 annually  
22 thereafter, the information submitted by applicants for  
23 medical assistance or the hawk-i program regarding employers  
24 is to be compiled by the department of human services.

25 The bill then provides that beginning January 15, 2007, and  
26 each January 15 annually thereafter, the department of human  
27 services is to submit a report to the governor and the general  
28 assembly specifying all employers identified by hospitals or  
29 the Medicaid or hawk-i programs that, combined, employ 25 or  
30 more proposed beneficiaries. The report is to include the  
31 name of the employer, the location of the employer, and the  
32 total number of the employer's employees and dependents of  
33 employees who are proposed beneficiaries. The report is also  
34 to include the total cost to the state for providing health  
35 care benefits to the employees and dependents of the employees

1 of the employers identified. The report is not to include the  
2 names of any individual proposed beneficiary and is also to  
3 comply with all privacy standards established by state or  
4 federal law. The bill also provides that the report is to be  
5 made available to the public.

6 The bill takes effect January 1, 2006.

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