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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disclosure of the prices charged for
2 health services rendered by health care providers and
3 hospitals.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.84 Disclosure of prices charged
2 for health services by health care providers and hospitals.

3 1. A health care provider shall disclose and make available
4 to the public in a single document, either electronically or
5 by posting conspicuously on the provider's internet site,
6 if one exists, the prices charged, prior to the negotiation
7 of any discounts and assuming no medical complications, for
8 the twenty-five most common health services the health care
9 provider renders.

10 a. The health care provider shall identify the health
11 service for which prices charged are provided in both a common
12 procedural terminology code or other coding system commonly
13 used by the health care provider and accepted as a national
14 standard for billing, and in a plain language description.

15 b. The health care provider shall update the price
16 information as frequently as the health care provider deems
17 appropriate, but at least annually.

18 2. A hospital shall disclose and make available to the
19 public in a single document, either electronically or by
20 posting conspicuously on the hospital's internet site, if
21 one exists, the prices charged, prior to the negotiation of
22 any discounts and assuming no medical complications, for
23 the seventy-five most common inpatient health services and
24 the seventy-five most common outpatient health services, as
25 grouped by a Medicare diagnosis-related group, rendered by
26 the hospital. The price information shall be updated on a
27 quarterly basis.

28 3. Any price information disclosed under this section shall
29 include a disclaimer that the price information provided is
30 an estimate, does not constitute a legally binding charge for
31 a health service provided to a specific consumer, and that
32 the actual charge for a health service is dependent on the
33 circumstances at the time the health service is rendered.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to the disclosure of prices charged by
3 health care providers and hospitals for common health services.

4 The bill requires a health care provider to disclose and
5 make available to the public in a single document, either
6 electronically or by posting conspicuously on the provider's
7 internet site, the prices charged, prior to the negotiation of
8 any discounts and assuming no medical complications, for the 25
9 most common health services the health care provider renders.
10 The health services are to be identified by a common nationally
11 recognized coding system and by a plain language description,
12 and the health care provider is required to update the price
13 information at least annually.

14 The bill requires hospitals to disclose and make available
15 to the public in a single document, either electronically or
16 by posting conspicuously on the hospital's internet site, the
17 prices charged, prior to the negotiation of any discounts and
18 assuming no medical complications, for the 75 most common
19 inpatient and the 75 most common outpatient health services, as
20 grouped by a Medicare diagnosis-related group, rendered by the
21 hospital. The price information is required to be updated on
22 a quarterly basis.

23 The bill provides that the price information disclosed shall
24 include a disclaimer that the price information provided is
25 an estimate, does not constitute a legally binding charge for
26 a health service provided to a specific consumer, and that
27 the actual charge for a health service is dependent on the
28 circumstances at the time the service is rendered.