

House File 2096 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disclosure of the prices charged
2 for health services rendered by health care providers and
3 hospitals.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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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 by
5 posting conspicuously on the provider's internet site, the prices
6 charged, prior to the negotiation of any discounts and assuming
7 no medical complications, for the twenty-five most common health
8 services the health care provider renders.

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

14 b. The health care provider shall update the price
15 information at least once each calendar year.

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

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

31 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
32 to ensure that requirements under this section are consistent
33 with and do not duplicate federal requirements related to
34 the disclosure of prices charged by health care providers and
35 hospitals including but not limited to the requirements for

1 hospitals pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §300gg-18(e).

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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

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This bill relates to the disclosure of prices charged by

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health care providers (provider) and hospitals for common health

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services (services).

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The bill requires a provider to disclose and make available

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to the public in a single document, either electronically or

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on the provider's internet site, the prices charged, prior

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to the negotiation of any discounts and assuming no medical

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complications, for the 25 most common services the provider

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renders. The services are to be identified by a common

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nationally recognized coding system and by a plain language

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description, and the provider is required to update the price

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information at least annually.

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The bill requires hospitals to disclose and make available

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to the public in a single document, either electronically or

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on the hospital's internet site, the prices charged, prior

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to the negotiation of any discounts and assuming no medical

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complications, for the 75 most common inpatient and the 75

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most common outpatient services, as grouped by a Medicare

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diagnosis-related group, rendered by the hospital. The price

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information is required to be updated on a quarterly basis.

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The bill provides that the price information disclosed shall

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include a disclaimer that the information provided is an

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time the service is rendered.

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The bill directs the department of health and human services

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to adopt rules to ensure that the bill's requirements are

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consistent with and do not duplicate federal requirements related

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to the disclosure of prices charged by providers and hospitals.