

House File 61 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the disclosure of prices charged for
- 2 certain 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. **10A.703 Disclosure of prices**
2 **charged for health services by health care providers and**
3 **hospitals.**

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

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

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

19 2. A hospital shall disclose and make available to the
20 public in a single document, either electronically or by posting
21 conspicuously on the hospital's internet site, if one exists,
22 the prices charged, prior to the negotiation of any discounts
23 and assuming no medical complications, for the seventy-five
24 most common inpatient health services and the seventy-five most
25 common outpatient health services, as grouped by a Medicare
26 diagnosis-related group, rendered by the hospital. The price
27 information shall be updated on a 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 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
35 to ensure that requirements under this section are consistent

1 with and do not duplicate federal requirements related to
2 the disclosure of prices charged by health care providers and
3 hospitals including but not limited to the requirements for
4 hospitals pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §300gg-18(e).

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill relates to the disclosure of prices charged by
9 health care providers (providers) and hospitals for certain
10 health services (services).

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

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

28 The bill provides that the price information disclosed shall
29 include a disclaimer as detailed in the bill.

30 The bill directs the department of inspections, appeals,
31 and licensing to adopt rules to ensure that requirements under
32 the bill are consistent with and do not duplicate federal
33 requirements related to the disclosure of prices charged by
34 providers and hospitals, specifically including those required
35 under the federal Affordable Care Act regarding the publicizing

1 of standard hospital charges.

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