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An act relating to reimbursement of Medicaid providers; amending s. 409.901, F.S.; defining the term "usual and customary charge" for purposes of Medicaid billing; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (29) is added to section 409.901, Florida Statutes, to read:

409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.—As used in ss. 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the term:

(29) "Usual and customary charge" means the amount routinely billed by a provider or supplier to an uninsured consumer for services or goods before application of any discount, rebate, or supplemental plan. The term does not include free or discounted charges for services or goods based upon a person's uninsured or indigent status or other financial hardship.

Section 2. The changes made by this act to s. 409.901, Florida Statutes, are intended to clarify existing law and are remedial in nature.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.