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Representatives Farkas and Harrell offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove line(s) 70-87, and insert:

(7)(a) Each licensed facility not operated by the state shall make available to the public on its Internet website or by other electronic means a list of charges for the top 20 percent of the most frequently used charge items in each hospital's charge master for both inpatient and outpatient services. The list shall be updated monthly. The facility shall place a notice in the reception areas that such information is available electronically and the website address and provide an electronic link to the agency's website to determine the average charge per diagnosis-related groups that is available.

(b) A health care facility shall, upon request, furnish a patient, prior to provision of medical services, a reasonable estimate of charges for such services. Such estimate shall not

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28 preclude the health care provider or health care facility from
29 exceeding the estimate or making additional charges based on
30 changes in the patient's condition or treatment needs.

31 (c) A licensed facility not operated by the state shall
32 make available to a patient, or a payor acting on behalf of the
33 patient, the records that are necessary to verify the accuracy
34 of the patient's bill or payor's claim related to such patient's
35 bill within a reasonable time after a request. The verification
36 information must be made available in the facility's offices.
37 Such records shall be available to the patient or payor prior to
38 and after payment of the bill or claim. The facility may not
39 charge the patient or payor for making such verification records
40 available, except the facility may charge its usual charge for
41 providing copies of records as specified in s. 395.3025.

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43 ===== D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T =====

44 Remove line(s) 66, and insert:
45 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section

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47 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

48 Remove lines 3-7, and insert:
49 requiring health care providers and facilities to provide
50 prospective patients with reasonable estimates of
51 prospective charges; requiring certain licensed facilities
52 to make available to payors certain records; providing that
53 the facility may not charge for making records available
54 but may charge a specified amount for providing copies;