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Representatives Farkas and Harrell offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (637059) (with directory and title amendments)

Remove line(s) 18-54, 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

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28 estimate of charges for such services. Such estimate shall not
29 preclude the health care provider or health care facility from
30 exceeding the estimate or making additional charges based on
31 changes in the patient's condition or treatment needs.

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