

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative 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.

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27 (b) A health care facility shall, upon request, furnish a
28 patient, prior to provision of medical services, a reasonable
29 estimate of charges for such services. Such estimate shall not
30 preclude the health care provider or health care facility from
31 exceeding the estimate or making additional charges based on
32 changes in the patient's condition or treatment needs.

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

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

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

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

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