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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to uninsured hospital patients;
creating s. 395.3012, F.S.; requiring hospitals
to establish certain policies and procedures to
determine a patient's ability to pay for
certain services; providing criteria; requiring
notification of a patient of such policies and
procedures; providing a definition; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 395.3012, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

395.3012 Procedures for uninsured hospital patients.--

(1) Each hospital shall establish written policies and
procedures for determining the capability of uninsured
patients to pay for hospital-based medical services that must,
at a minimum, provide for:

(a) The collection and review of relevant financial
information from the patient.

(b) The assessment by the hospital, to the best of its
ability, of the patient's eligibility for governmental or
charitable assistance.

(c) The offer to the patient of any discounts or
extended payment terms or plans.

(d) The delineation to the patient of the patient's
responsibilities for payment and the consequences for failure
to pay.

1 (2) The notification to the patient of these policies
2 and procedures shall be included in the patient's hospital
3 bill.

4 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "patient"
5 means an uninsured person who is in the process of being
6 admitted, or in the case of emergency services and care has
7 been admitted, to the hospital.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
9 law.

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