

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to patient billing; amending s. 395.301,
 3 F.S.; prohibiting licensed hospitals, ambulatory surgical
 4 centers, and mobile surgical facilities from collecting or
 5 attempting to collect charges from a patient who is
 6 covered by a third-party public or private payor;
 7 providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 395.301,
 12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 395.301 Itemized patient bill; form and content prescribed
 14 by the agency; prohibited billing and collection practices.--

15 (11) Notwithstanding any local ordinance or special or
 16 general law to the contrary, a licensed facility shall not be
 17 entitled to collect and shall not attempt to collect charges
 18 from a patient for medical services provided by the facility or
 19 its employees or staff if there is a third-party public or
 20 private payor, including any health plan as defined in s.
 21 408.7057(1)(b), that upon receipt of a bill for the services is
 22 obligated to the patient to provide payment to the facility for
 23 the services provided to the patient, except any deductibles or
 24 copayments required by the public or private payor and those
 25 charges for which coverage or benefits are excluded under the
 26 public or private payor plans.

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