

HOSPITAL BILLING PROCEDURES

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING A HOSPITAL TO INCLUDE ON AN
ITEMIZED BILLING STATEMENT ANY AMOUNT CHARGED TO THE PATIENT TO PAY
FOR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

26-21-20, as last amended by Chapter 209, Laws of Utah 1997

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-21-20** is amended to read:

26-21-20. Requirement for hospitals to provide statements of itemized charges to patients.

(1) Each hospital, as defined in Section 26-21-2, shall provide a statement of itemized charges to any patient receiving medical care or other services from that hospital.

(2) The statement shall be provided to the patient or his personal representative or agent at the hospital's expense, either personally or by mail, at the time any statement is provided to any person or entity for billing purposes. If the statement is not provided to a third party, it shall be provided to the patient as soon as possible and practicable.

(3) The statement shall itemize:

(a) each of the charges actually provided by the hospital to the patient[-]; and

(b) any amount charged to the patient to pay the assessment imposed by Section 26-40-111.

(4) The statement may not include charges of physicians who bill separately.

(5) The requirements of this section do not apply to patients who receive services from a hospital under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

28 (6) A statement of charges to be paid by a third party and related information provided to
29 a patient pursuant to this section shall be marked in bold: "DUPLICATE: DO NOT PAY" or other
30 appropriate language.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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