

CONSUMER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE**CHARGES**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires health care facilities, physicians, osteopathic physicians, and dentists to provide consumers, when requested, with a list of charges for professional services provided by the health care provider, and information of any discounts on billed charges.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends the Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act to require health care facilities licensed under the act to provide a consumer with information regarding certain charges;

- amends the Utah Medical Practices Act to require a physician licensed under the act to provide a consumer with information regarding certain charges;

- amends the Utah Osteopathic Medical Practices Act to require osteopathic physicians to provide consumers with information regarding certain charges; and

- amends the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act to require a dentist to provide consumers with information regarding certain charges.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-21-23, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58-67-804, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58-68-804, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58-69-806, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-21-23** is enacted to read:

26-21-23. Consumer access to facility charges.

A health care facility licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

(1) make a list of prices available for the consumer which includes the facility's:

(a) 50 most frequently performed:

(i) in-patient procedures; and

(ii) out-patient procedures; and

(b) the 50 most commonly prescribed drugs in the facility; and

(2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discounts available for:

(a) charges for services not covered by insurance; or

(b) prompt payment of billed charges.

Section 2. Section **58-67-804** is enacted to read:

58-67-804. Consumer access to provider charges.

A physician licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

(1) make a list of professional charges available for the consumer which includes the physician's 25 most frequently performed:

(a) clinical procedures or clinical services;

(b) out-patient procedures; and

(c) in-patient procedures; and

(2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discount available for:

(a) services not covered by insurance; or

(b) prompt payment of billed charges.

Section 3. Section **58-68-804** is enacted to read:

58-68-804. Consumer access to provider charges.

An osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

(1) make a list of professional charges available for the consumer which includes the osteopathic physician's 25 most frequently performed:

(a) clinical procedures or clinical services;

(b) out-patient procedures; and

(c) in-patient procedures; and

(2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discount available for:

(a) services not covered by insurance; or

(b) prompt payment of billed charges.

Section 4. Section **58-69-806** is enacted to read:

58-69-806. Consumer access to provider charges.

A dentist licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

(1) make a list of professional charges available for the consumer which includes the dentist's 25 most frequently performed:

(a) clinical procedures or clinical services;

(b) out-patient procedures; and

(c) in-patient procedures; and

(2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discount available for:

(a) services not covered by insurance; or

(b) prompt payment of billed charges.

Legislative Review Note

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits to local governments. Provisions of this bill likely will result in direct costs for health care facilities, physicians, osteopathic physicians and dentists to provide the required information. The actual expense for each will depend on the current system they are using and the cost of programming or providing the required data, if it is not already being made available to the consumer.

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