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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CHARITY CARE

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Health Care Assistance Act of the Health Code to require notice of available charity care.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a nonprofit health care provider to give notice of available charity care to certain patients and to the Department of Health; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to post the notice of available charity care.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-47-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-47-104** is enacted to read:

26-47-104. Notification of availability of charitable care.

(1) For purposes of this section:



28 (a) "Affiliate" means an organization that directly or indirectly through one or more
29 intermediaries controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a nonprofit
30 organization.

31 (b) "Clinic" includes:

32 (i) a medical clinic that is owned or operated by a nonprofit health care provider;

33 (ii) a medical clinic in which a health care professional who is employed by a nonprofit
34 health care provider or its affiliates, practices; and

35 (iii) a federally qualified health center as defined in Section 31A-8-501.

36 (c) "Nonprofit health care provider" means a hospital or clinic that is owned or
37 operated by, or is an affiliate of, an organization that is exempt from income taxation under
38 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

39 (2) (a) (i) No later than July 1, 2007, a nonprofit health care provider in the state shall
40 provide notice of the availability of charity care at hospitals and clinics owned or operated by
41 the nonprofit health care provider.

42 (ii) The notice required by this Subsection (2) shall be updated annually.

43 (b) The notice required by this Subsection (2):

44 (i) shall be given to patients of:

45 (A) hospitals owned or operated by the nonprofit health care provider;

46 (B) clinics; and

47 (C) the department; and

48 (ii) shall include the names and locations of the clinics and hospitals owned or operated
49 by the nonprofit health care provider that provide charity care.

50 (3) The department shall:

51 (a) include the list of charity care facilities it receives in accordance with Subsection
52 (2) on its website for the state's Primary Care Network program, the Utah Premium Partnership
53 Insurance Assistance Program, and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program;

54 (b) provide the list of charity care facilities it receives in accordance with Subsection
55 (2) to Medicaid and TANF eligibility workers; and

56 (c) publish the list it receives in accordance with Subsection (2) in any other locations
57 the department determines will provide citizens of the state with notice of available charity
58 care.

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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 for individuals or local governments. Any significant additional expenses incurred by nonprofit hospitals or medical clinics will depend on the method of notification they choose to implement.

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