

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 511

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

INSURANCE/HEALTH-ACCID: Provides for timely combined medical billing for a single inpatient or outpatient surgery or other medical procedure

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1880, relative to medical billing; to require one timely combined medical  
3 bill for a single inpatient or outpatient surgery or medical procedure; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1880 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1880. Combined medical billing

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a patient,  
9 including but not limited to an insured or enrollee, shall receive only one bill for a  
10 single inpatient or outpatient surgery or medical procedure. In order to produce such  
11 a bill, the health care facility, including but not limited to a health care provider's  
12 office, at which the surgery or procedure was performed shall combine bills for  
13 health care services provided by both contracted and noncontracted health care  
14 providers, including but not limited to anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologists,  
15 or other facility-based physicians, as well as bills for any other noncovered health  
16 care services, into one bill. Such bill shall be received by the patient within thirty  
17 days of the inpatient or outpatient medical surgery or procedure.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires one timely combined medical bill for a single inpatient or outpatient surgery or other medical procedure.

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of present law to the contrary, a patient, including but not limited to an insured or enrollee, shall receive only one bill for a single inpatient or outpatient surgery or other medical procedure. In order to produce such a bill, the health care facility, including but not limited to a health care provider's office, at which the surgery or procedure was performed shall combine bills for health care services provided by both contracted and noncontracted health care providers, including but not limited to anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologists, or other facility-based physicians, as well as bills for any other noncovered health care services, into one bill. Requires that such bill be received by the patient within 30 days of the inpatient or outpatient surgery or procedure.

(Adds R.S. 22:1880)