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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4774

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; requiring health care providers to provide patients with an
1.3 itemized description of billed charges for health care services and goods; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.591.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 144.591, is amended to read:

1.7 144.591 DISCLOSURE OF HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE CHARGES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "health care provider" means:

- 1.9 (1) a hospital, including a hospital designated as a critical access hospital;
1.10 (2) an outpatient surgical center;
1.11 (3) a health clinic or health professional office; or
1.12 (4) a health professional who is licensed or registered by the state to provide health care
1.13 services within the professional's scope of practice.

1.14 Subd. 2. Itemized description of billed charges. (a) Each hospital, including hospitals
1.15 designated as critical access hospitals, shall health care provider must provide to each
1.16 discharged patient within 30 calendar days of discharge an itemized description of billed
1.17 charges for medical the health care services and goods the patient received during the hospital
1.18 stay from the health care provider. The health care provider must provide the itemized
1.19 description of billed charges to the patient within 30 calendar days after the date the health
1.20 care services and goods were provided to the patient, except that a hospital must provide
1.21 the itemized description of billed charges to the patient within 30 calendar days after the
1.22 patient's discharge from the hospital. The itemized description of billed charges may include

2.1 technical terms to describe the ~~medical~~ health care services and goods if the technical terms
2.2 are defined on the itemized description with limited medical or dental nomenclature. The
2.3 itemized description of billed charges must not describe a billed charge using only a medical
2.4 or dental billing code, "miscellaneous charges," or "supply charges."

2.5 Subd. 3. **Coordination.** A hospital, outpatient surgical center, health clinic, or health
2.6 professional office may compile the itemized descriptions of billed charges for the services
2.7 and goods provided to a patient by individual health professionals employed by or under
2.8 contract with the hospital, outpatient surgical center, health clinic, or health professional
2.9 office, and may provide the patient with a single itemized description of billed charges from
2.10 that hospital, outpatient surgical center, health clinic, or health professional office.

2.11 Subd. 4. **No charge to patient.** (~~b~~) A ~~hospital~~ health care provider may not bill or
2.12 otherwise charge a patient for the itemized description of billed charges.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Provision of itemized description.** (~~e~~) A ~~hospital~~ health care provider must
2.14 provide an itemized description of billed charges to the patient by secure email, via a secure
2.15 online portal, or, upon request, by mail.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Exemptions.** (~~d~~) This section does not apply to patients enrolled in Medicare,
2.17 medical assistance, or the MinnesotaCare program, or to patients who receive health care
2.18 coverage through an employer self-insured health plan.

2.19 **Sec. 2. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

2.20 The revisor of statutes shall recodify Minnesota Statutes, section 144.591, as Minnesota
2.21 Statutes, section 62J.815.