

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 155

Introduced by: Senators Maher and Lederman and Representatives Russell and Tornow

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the contents of the notice to the county where
2 hospitalization is furnished to indigent persons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 28-13-34.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 28-13-34.1. If hospitalization is furnished to a medically indigent person, the county is not
6 liable for the cost of the hospitalization unless, within fifteen days in the case of an emergency
7 admission, notice of the hospitalization is mailed to the auditor of the county. The notice shall
8 contain:

- 9 (1) The name and last known address of the patient or the patient's guardian;
- 10 (2) The name and address of the responsible party, if known;
- 11 (3) The name of the attending physician;
- 12 (4) The nature and degree of severity of the illness;
- 13 (5) The anticipated diagnostic or therapeutic services required;
- 14 (6) The location at which the services are to be provided;
- 15 (7) The estimated reimbursement for the services; ~~and~~



- 1 (8) A statement that the hospital has asked the patient or the responsible party, if known,
2 whether the patient has served in any branch of the military, is potentially eligible for
3 Indian Health Service benefits, or is a member of a Native American tribe and a
4 statement of the information received in response to the inquiry; and
- 5 (9) An affidavit specifically addressing subdivisions 28-13-27.1 (1) to (5), inclusive,
6 signed by the attending physician which, if applicable, places the county on notice
7 of the emergency nature of the treatment.