

Chapter 7

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Subject Required disclosure of facility fee

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Overview

This bill requires a provider-based clinic to notify patients, before delivering nonemergency services, if it charges a facility fee and that such a fee may result in higher out-of-pocket expenses for patients. A facility fee is defined as a separate charge to a patient by a provider-based clinic, in addition to a fee for services, that is intended to cover building, electronic medical records systems, billing, and other administrative and operational expenses.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | <p>Facility fee disclosure.</p> <p>Adds § 62J.824. Paragraph (a) requires a provider-based clinic that charges a facility fee to notify a patient, before delivering nonemergency health services to the patient, of the facility fee and that this fee may result in high out-of-pocket expenses to the patient.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires posting of a statement that the provider-based clinic is part of a hospital and that the patient may be billed for a facility fee.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) provides this section does not apply to laboratory services, imaging services, or other ancillary health services provided by staff not employed by the facility or clinic.</p> <p>Paragraph (d) defines facility fee and provider-based clinic.</p> |