

Subject Medical practices; current standard charges, price comparison tool

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Overview

This bill requires hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and medical practices that have revenue of more than \$50,000,000 per year and that derive a majority of their revenue from certain services, to make available to the public and to the commissioner of health a list of current standard charges for all items and services provided by the medical practice. This bill also permits the commissioner of health to use this data to establish a price comparison tool for use by the public.

Summary

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Adds § 62J.826. Requires medical practices to make available to the public and to report to the commissioner of health, a list of current standard charges for all items and services provided by the medical practice, and permits the commissioner of health to use this information to establish a price comparison tool for use by the public.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: chargemaster, diagnostic laboratory testing, diagnostic radiology service, hospital, medical practice, outpatient surgical center.

Subd. 2. Requirement; current standard charges. Requires the following medical practices to make available to the public a list of current standard charges for all items and services provided by the medical practice: hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and other medical practices that have revenue of more than \$50,000,000 per year and that derive a majority of their revenue from one or more of the listed services.

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Subd. 3. Required file format and data attributes. Paragraph (a) lists and defines the data attributes that a medical practice must post, and requires them to be posted in the listed order.

Paragraph (b) requires these data attributes to be posted in the form of a comma separated values file.

Paragraph (c) requires the data attributes listed in paragraph (a) to be reported to the commissioner of health in a form, manner, and frequency specified by the commissioner, and to be made available to the public in a form and manner specified by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. Price comparison tool. Requires the commissioner of health to use information submitted under subdivision 3 to develop and make available a price comparison tool for use by the public, and allows the commissioner to contract with a third party for the development and operation of this tool.

This section is effective January 1, 2022.



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