Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-21-12; IC 25-22.5-15.

Synopsis: Publication of health care charges. Requires physicians and health facilities to make health care charge information available to the public.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
HOUSE BILL No. 1241

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-52.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 52.3. "Charge master", for purposes of IC 16-21-12, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-12-1.

SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-122 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 122. "Facility" means the following:

(1) For purposes of IC 16-21-12, the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-12-2.

(2) For purposes of IC 16-41-11, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-11-2.

SECTION 3. IC 16-21-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

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Chapter 12. Disclosure of Facility Charges

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "charge master" means a uniform schedule of charges published by a facility as the facility's gross billed charge for a given service or treatment, regardless of payer type.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "facility" refers to the following:

(1) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2.
(2) An ambulatory outpatient surgical center licensed under IC 16-21-2.
(3) Another entity that provides health care (as defined in IC 16-36-1-1).

Sec. 3. (a) A facility shall make available to the public on the facility's Internet web site:

(1) the facility's current charge master; and
(2) a comparison of the facility's charges for services and the amount of reimbursement for the service or treatment under the federal Medicare program.

(b) A facility shall provide a hard copy of the information required under subsection (a) upon request.

SECTION 4. IC 25-22.5-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

Chapter 15. Disclosure of Charges

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "charges" means the gross billed charge for a given service or treatment provided by a physician, regardless of payer type.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "physician" includes the office at which a physician practices medicine.

Sec. 3. (a) A physician shall make available to the public on the physician's Internet web site:

(1) the physician's current charges; and
(2) a comparison of the physician's charges and the amount of reimbursement for the service or treatment under the federal Medicare program.

(b) A physician shall provide a hard copy of the information required under subsection (a) upon request.