

HOUSE BILL No. 1241

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 **Chapter 12. Disclosure of Facility Charges**

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

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

7 (1) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2.

8 (2) An ambulatory outpatient surgical center licensed under
9 IC 16-21-2.

10 (3) Another entity that provides health care (as defined in
11 IC 16-36-1-1).

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

14 (1) the facility's current charge master; and

15 (2) a comparison of the facility's charges for services and the
16 amount of reimbursement for the service or treatment under
17 the federal Medicare program.

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

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

23 **Chapter 15. Disclosure of Charges**

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

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

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

31 (1) the physician's current charges; and

32 (2) a comparison of the physician's charges and the amount of
33 reimbursement for the service or treatment under the federal
34 Medicare program.

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

