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House Bill 345

(Delegate V. Turner, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Health - Hospital Summary Financial Statement - Physician Charges

This bill adds to the required list of items on a hospital's summary financial statement that a hospital must give to a patient. The financial statement must clearly state that charges for physician-provided services are not included in the total hospital charges and are billed separately.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains exclusively to private sector activities.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A hospital must provide an individual, within 30 days after discharge, a summary financial statement that clearly describes: (1) the total charges incurred; (2) if readily ascertainable, a summary of total charges under the major service categories; and (3) if applicable the names of the primary and secondary insurers to which a claim has been or will be filed on the individuals' behalf.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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