

SENATE BILL No. 1033

May 29, 2018, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21517.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 21517. (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES BEGINNING 180 DAYS
2 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS
3 SECTION. IF A HOSPITAL ACCEPTS PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM A
4 HEALTH INSURER AND THE HOSPITAL USES A CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER,
5 THE HOSPITAL SHALL MAKE ITS CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER AVAILABLE BY
6 POSTING AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER ON THE
7 HOSPITAL'S INTERNET WEBSITE. IF THE HOSPITAL HAS NO WEBSITE, IT
8 SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE CHARGE DESCRIPTION
9 MASTER AVAILABLE AT THE HOSPITAL LOCATION. A HOSPITAL SHALL ALSO
10 POST A CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS NOTICE IN ITS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, IF
11 ANY, ADMISSIONS OFFICE, AND BILLING OFFICE INFORMING PATIENTS THAT

1 THE HOSPITAL'S CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE MANNER
2 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (2) A HOSPITAL SHALL NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THAT PREVENTS
4 IT FROM MAKING ITS CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED
5 UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

6 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MAY
7 IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 PER DAY FOR A
8 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

9 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER" MEANS
10 A UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF CHARGES REPRESENTED BY THE HOSPITAL AS ITS
11 GROSS BILLED CHARGE FOR A GIVEN SERVICE OR ITEM, REGARDLESS OF
12 PAYER TYPE.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
14 after the date it is enacted into law.

15 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
16 unless Senate Bill No. 966.

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