

SB 1060 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires hospitals to publicly disclose their standard charges for medical services, including rates negotiated with different payers and discounted cash prices.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires hospitals to publish data in a machine-readable format on a website that is searchable and free to access, without requiring an account, password, or personal information.
- Includes gross charges, minimum, and maximum rates negotiated with different payers, and any discounted cash price.
- Requires hospitals to provide shoppable services pricing for at least 300 services that are commonly scheduled in advance.
 - Must include ancillary services and services specified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Requires separate lists for inpatient and outpatient services, if pricing differs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Allows hospitals to meet price transparency requirements by offering an online price estimator tool instead of a list standard charges for common services. The online price estimator tool must either be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or provide estimates for specific shoppable services and related costs. The tool must be easy to find on the hospitals website, free to access, and without requiring an account password, or personal information.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ([CMS](#)) [began requiring hospitals](#) to share their standard charges in two ways: a detailed, machine-readable file and a user-friendly display listing charges for at least 300 common services.

Senate Bill 1060 A requires hospitals to publicly disclose their standard charges for medical services.

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