

Subject Screening of hospital patients

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Overview

This bill requires a hospital, before discharging a patient who is uninsured or uncertain as to insurance coverage status, to screen a patient for eligibility for health coverage or assistance and, if eligible, assist patients in obtaining the coverage or assistance.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Screening for eligibility for health coverage or assistance.</p> <p>Adds subd. 4 to § 144.586. Requires a hospital, any time before discharging a patient, to screen a patient who is uninsured or who does not know his or her insurance coverage status, for eligibility for charity care, public health care programs, and a premium tax credit. If a patient is eligible for charity care, a public health care program, or a premiums tax credit, requires the hospital to help the patient obtain the health coverage or assistance. Allows a patient to decline to participate in the screening process or to apply for health coverage or assistance. Defines terms for this subdivision: hospital, navigator, premium tax credit, and presumptive eligibility.</p> |
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