

**S.F.** 131

As introduced

Subject Required disclosure of facility fee

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## **Overview**

This bill requires a provider-based clinic to notify patients, before delivering nonemergency services, if it charges a facility fee and that such a fee may result in higher out-of-pocket expenses for patients. A facility fee is defined as a separate charge to a patient by a provider-based clinic, in addition to a fee for services, that is intended to cover building, electronic medical records systems, billing, and other administrative and operational expenses.

## **Summary**

## Section Description

## 1 Facility fee disclosure.

Adds § 62J.824. Paragraph (a) requires a provider-based clinic that charges a facility fee to notify a patient, before delivering nonemergency health services to the patient, of the facility fee and that this fee may result in high out-of-pocket expenses to the patient.

Paragraph (b) requires posting of a statement that the provider-based clinic is part of a hospital and that the patient may be billed for a facility fee.

Paragraph (c) provides this section does not apply to laboratory services, imaging services, or other ancillary health services provided by staff not employed by the facility or clinic.

Paragraph (d) defines facility fee and provider-based clinic.

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