

Subject Current standard charges; medical and dental practices

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Overview

This bill requires hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and certain other medical and dental practices to make available to the public, and to report to the commissioner of health, a list of their current standard charges for items and services provided by the practice. The commissioner of health must use the data reported to make available to the public, a tool to compare charges for items and services across practices.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Medical and dental practices; current standard charges; comparison tool.</p> <p>Adds § 62J.826. Requires hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and certain other medical and dental practices to make available to the public a list of their current standard charges for items and services provided by the practice, and requires the commissioner of health to develop a tool to compare charges for items and services across practices.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: CDT code, chargemaster, commissioner, CPT code, dental service, diagnostic laboratory testing, diagnostic radiology service, hospital, medical or dental practice, and outpatient surgical center.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Requirement; current standard charges. Requires hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and any other medical or dental practice that has annual revenue of greater than \$50,000,000 and that derives a majority of its revenue from one or more of the listed services, to make available to the public a list of their current standard charges for all items and services provided by the medical or dental practice.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Required file format and content. By January 1, 2024, requires medical and dental practices subject to this section to make available to the public, and to report to the commissioner, their current standard charges using the format</p> |
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and data elements recommended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in a manner and frequency specified by the commissioner. Requires practices to test their files for compliance with the requirements as to form, before making the file available to the public and reporting it to the commissioner.

Subd. 4. Price comparison tool. Requires the commissioner to use the information reported under subdivision 3 to develop and make available a price comparison tool to compare charges for specific items or services across medical and dental practices. Requires the tool to be available to the public by July 1, 2024.



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