

HOUSE BILL NO. 5945

July 21, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Paquette, Vaupel, Frederick, Wozniak, Yaroch and Tyrone Carter and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

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) By January 1, 2021, a hospital that maintains
2 a charge description master shall make its charge description
3 master available to the public by conspicuously posting on the
4 hospital's website an electronic copy of the charge description
5 master and a description of each service, item, or service package
6 listed on the charge description master. The hospital shall update



1 the posting by January 1 of each succeeding year. If the hospital
2 has no website, it shall make a written or electronic copy of its
3 charge description master available at the hospital location. A
4 hospital shall also post a clear and conspicuous notice in its
5 emergency department, if any, admissions office, and billing office
6 informing patients that the hospital's charge description master is
7 available in the manner described in this subsection. A hospital
8 shall post with its charge description master a notice that the
9 standard charges listed on the charge description master may not
10 reflect the actual charge that is billed to a patient and that a
11 patient is responsible for understanding whether and to what extent
12 a service, item, or service package is covered by his or her
13 insurance provider.

14 (2) A hospital shall ensure that the standard charges included
15 on its charge description master do not include any information
16 that identifies or could be used to identify a third-party payer or
17 a charge negotiated with a specific third-party payer.

18 (3) A hospital shall not enter into any contract that prevents
19 it from making its charge description master available as required
20 by this section.

21 (4) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Charge description master" means a list of standard
23 charges for each service, item, and service package provided to a
24 patient in connection with an inpatient or outpatient visit at the
25 hospital.

26 (b) "Regular rate" includes, but is not limited to, the gross
27 charge for a service, item, or service package.

28 (c) "Service package" means the aggregation of services or
29 items into a single service with a single, standard charge.

1 (d) "Standard charge" means the regular rate established by
2 the hospital for a service, item, or service package.

