

## Amendment No. 512

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 353

(BDR 40-1164)

**Proposed by:** Committee on Health and Human Services**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

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Amend section 1, pages 1 and 2, by deleting lines 3 through 5 on page 1 and lines 1 and 2 on page 2, and inserting:

*“1. Each major hospital in this State shall, on or before January 1 of each year, submit to the Department in the manner and form prescribed by the Director a complete charge master for the hospital that will be effective on January 1 of that year.*

*2. Each major hospital in this State shall, on or before July 1 of each year, submit to the Department in the manner and form prescribed by the Director:”.*

Amend section 1, page 2, line 3, by deleting “(b)” and inserting “(a)”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 8, by deleting “(c)” and inserting “(b)”.

Amend section 1, page 2, by deleting lines 12 through 29 and inserting:

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*“3. Each time a major hospital in this State revises any of its policies and procedures described in subsection 2, the major hospital shall submit to the Department in the manner and form prescribed by the Director a statement of its revised policies and procedures.*

*4. On or before October 1 of each year, the Director shall prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the Legislative Committee on Health Care and to either the Legislature, or to the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee when the Legislature is not in regular session, a report concerning the information the Department receives pursuant to this section. The report may be included in the report the Director prepares pursuant to NRS 449.520 if the Director transmits that report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the entities that must receive the report pursuant to this subsection. The report must include, without limitation:*

*(a) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used by major hospitals in this State to provide discounted services to,”.*

Amend section 1, page 2, line 32, by deleting “(d)” and inserting “(b)”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 33, after “by” by inserting “major”.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 35, by deleting “4.” and inserting:

*“5. The Director shall:*

*(a) Provide the public with access to the information the Department receives pursuant to this section in a form prescribed by the Director;*

*(b) To the extent reasonably possible, post the information the Department receives pursuant to this section on a website or other Internet site that is operated or administered by or on behalf of the Department; and*

*(c) Provide a copy of the information the Department receives pursuant to this section to the Director of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance.*

6.”.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 42, by deleting “*or outpatient*”.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, by deleting lines 10 through 13 and inserting:

“3. ~~[A] Each~~ major hospital shall ~~[reduce or discount the total billed charge of its outpatient pharmacy by at least 30 percent to a patient who is eligible for Medicare.]~~”.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, line 21, by deleting “5” and inserting “4”.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, line 25, by deleting “5.” and inserting “4.”.

Amend sec. 2, page 3, line 28, by deleting “4.” and inserting “3.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by adding a new section designated sec. 3, following sec. 2, to read as follows:

“**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.”.

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT relating to health care; requiring major hospitals to submit to the Director of the

Department of Human Resources certain information concerning their charges, their provision of discounted services to or reduction of charges for persons without health insurance and their collection of unpaid charges; increasing the amount by which certain hospitals are required to reduce or discount the total billed charges for hospital services provided to certain uninsured patients; removing the requirement that certain hospitals reduce or discount the total billed charges of their outpatient pharmacies to patients who are eligible for Medicare; requiring certain hospitals to provide to persons receiving

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services certain information concerning the duty of those hospitals to reduce billed charges for certain patients; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.