

ASSEMBLY, No. 1454

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT concerning health care facilities and supplementing P.L.1971,  
2 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A patient at a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
8 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) is entitled to receive an itemized copy of the  
9 bill which details the services provided to the patient in plain language,  
10 in accordance with standards adopted by the Commissioner of Health.  
11 If the health care facility has forwarded the original bill to a designated  
12 third party payer, the copy of the bill provided to the patient shall  
13 include a statement in bold print at the top which notifies the patient  
14 that this is a copy of the bill for the patient's records, and that a bill has  
15 been forwarded to the third party payer designated by the patient.

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17 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the "Administrative  
18 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt  
19 rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the effective date  
22 of this act.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires that a licensed health care facility furnish each  
28 patient with an itemized copy of the bill which details the services  
29 provided to the patient in plain language. When appropriate, the copy  
30 of the bill is to include a statement in bold print at the top which  
31 notifies the patient that this is a copy of the bill for the patient's  
32 records, and that a bill has been forwarded to the third party payer  
33 designated by the patient. This bill is intended to facilitate patients'  
34 efforts to communicate with their insurers regarding services received,  
35 as necessary.

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3 Requires health care facilities provide copy of bill to patients.