

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0124

Health care transparency act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gray, Barlow, Biteman and Halverson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; requiring any health care
2 provider to disclose the health care plans in which the
3 provider participates and additional information about
4 providers and services as specified; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-2-122 is created to read:

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11 **35-2-122. Health care plan participation disclosure.**

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13 (a) Orally at the time an appointment is scheduled
14 and in writing before providing nonemergency services a
15 health care provider shall disclose to patients or

1 prospective patients the health care plans in which the
2 health care provider is a participating provider and any
3 other health care provider with which that health care
4 provider is affiliated.

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6 (b) If a health care provider does not participate in
7 the network of a patient's or prospective patient's health
8 care plan, the health care provider shall:

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10 (i) Before providing nonemergency services,
11 inform a patient or prospective patient that the amount or
12 estimated amount the health care provider will bill the
13 patient for health care services is available upon request;
14 and

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16 (ii) Upon receipt of a request from a patient or
17 prospective patient, disclose to the patient or prospective
18 patient in writing the amount or estimated amount or a
19 schedule of fees that the health care provider will bill
20 the patient or prospective patient for health care services
21 provided or anticipated to be provided to the patient or
22 prospective patient absent unforeseen medical circumstances
23 that may arise when the health care services are provided.

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2 (c) At the time of coordination of services or
3 referral, preadmission testing, registration or scheduling
4 for nonemergency hospital admission or outpatient services,
5 a health care provider shall provide a patient or
6 prospective patient with the contact information and any
7 website of any health care provider scheduled to perform
8 anesthesiology, laboratory, pathology, radiology, assistant
9 surgeon or other services in connection with care for the
10 patient along with instructions how to determine the health
11 care plan participation of any other physician whose
12 services the provider will arrange and schedule.

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14 (d) A health care provider shall establish and update
15 a list of the provider's standard charges for items and
16 hospital services, including for diagnosis related groups
17 established under section 1886(d)(4) of the Social Security
18 Act and a statement that physician services provided in a
19 hospital may not be included in the hospital's charges and
20 physicians who provide services in the hospital may or may
21 not participate with the same health care plans as the
22 hospital. This list shall be provided upon request.

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1 (e) As used in this section "health care provider"
2 means as defined in W.S. 26-40-102(a)(i).

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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6 (END)