



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 71

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 71 provides that if a health care facility or a physician charges for use that is made of the health care facility during the course of a patient's physician office visit, in addition to charging for the services provided by the physician, the facility or physician or an employee of the facility or physician must do both of the following: (1) before the start of the physician office visit, notify a patient that the health care facility use charge will be made; and (2) identify on the bill the health care facility use charge separately from the charge for services provided by physician.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes references to "physician" in the bill and substitutes references to "health care provider." The term "health care provider" is defined by reference to a current statute, which defines the term as follows:

146.81 (1) "Health care provider" means any of the following:

- (a) A nurse licensed under ch. 441.
- (b) A chiropractor licensed under ch. 446.
- (c) A dentist licensed under ch. 447.
- (d) A physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, or respiratory care practitioner licensed or certified under subch. II of ch. 448.
- (dg) A physical therapist licensed under subch. III of ch. 448.
- (dr) A podiatrist licensed under subch. IV of ch. 448.
- (em) A dietitian certified under subch. V of ch. 448.
- (eq) An athletic trainer licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448.
- (es) An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed under subch. VII of ch. 448.

- (f) An optometrist licensed under ch. 449.
- (fm) A pharmacist licensed under ch. 450.
- (g) An acupuncturist certified under ch. 451.
- (h) A psychologist licensed under ch. 455.
- (hg) A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor certified or licensed under ch. 457.
- (hm) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch. 459 or a speech and language pathologist licensed by the department of public instruction.
- (hp) A massage therapist or bodyworker certified under ch. 460.
- (i) A partnership of any providers specified under pars. (a) to (hp).
- (j) A corporation or limited liability company of any providers specified under pars. (a) to (hp) that provides health care services.
- (k) An operational cooperative sickness care plan organized under ss. 185.981 to 185.985 that directly provides services through salaried employees in its own facility.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both by votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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