



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 773

October 20, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives BENEDICT, TOWNS, BERCEAU, FIELDS, HINES, LEHMAN, MUSSER, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SINICKI and TURNER, cosponsored by Senator MILLER. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 146.97 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring that patients be
2 informed of health care facility use charges and that the charges be identified
3 separately on bills.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires that a health care facility, physician, or employee of the health care facility or physician notify a patient, before commencement of a physician office visit, if the health care facility or physician charges for use of the health care facility during the course of the office visit. The health care facility, physician, or employee must also, on any bill for services, identify the facility use charge separately from the physician's service charge.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 146.97 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **146.97 Health care facility use charges.** (1) In this section:
6 (a) "Health care facility" has the meaning given in s. 150.84 (2).

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1 (b) "Physician" has the meaning given in s. 448.01 (5).

2 (2) If a health care facility or a physician charges for use that is made of the
3 health care facility during the course of a patient's physician office visit, in addition
4 to charging for services provided by the physician, the health care facility, physician,
5 or an employee of the health care facility or physician shall do all of the following:

6 (a) Before commencement of the physician office visit, notify a patient that the
7 health care facility use charge will be made.

8 (b) Identify, on any bill for services rendered, the health care facility use charge
9 separately from the charge for services provided by the physician.

10 (END)