



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE BILL 843

February 21, 2018 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, RISSER and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives ANDERSON, CROWLEY, BERCEAU, ZAMARRIPA, SARGENT, SUBECK, BROSTOFF and POPE. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.904 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring hospitals to  
2 provide plain-language, itemized billing.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires hospitals to provide each hospital patient with a plain-language, itemized bill that includes an explanation of all charges, regardless of the source of payment.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 146.904 of the statutes is created to read:  
4 **146.904 Itemized billing required by hospitals.** (1) In this section:  
5 (a) "Hospital" has the meaning given in s. 50.33 (2).  
6 (b) "Patient" has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (3).  
7 **(2)** A hospital shall provide to each hospital patient a plain-language, itemized  
8 bill, including an explanation of all charges, regardless of the source of payment.

9 (END)