

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-0614/1	Introduction Number AB-0071	Estimate Type Original
Description Requiring that patients be informed of health care facility use charges and that the charges be identified separately on bills		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires that a health care facility, physician or employee of health care facility or physician notify a patient before the commencement of a physician's office visit if the health care facility or the physician charge for the use of the health care facility. 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.

This bill would apply to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services health care facilities (i.e., Winnebago and Mendota Mental Health Institutes and the Central, Northern and Southern Developmentally Disabled Centers.) Physician services are provided at these facilities on an in-patient basis. The notification and identification provisions of this bill apply to physician office visits conducted on out-patient basis. It is assumed that the notification and identification provisions of this bill do not apply to physician office visits conducted on an in-patient basis. Therefore, this bill would have no direct fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Family Services. This bill would have no direct fiscal effect on county human services departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications