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

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.

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

SECTION 1. 146.904 of the statutes is created to read:

146.904 Itemized billing required by hospitals. (1) In this section:

(a) “Hospital” has the meaning given in s. 50.33 (2).

(b) “Patient” has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (3).

(2) A hospital shall provide to each hospital patient a plain-language, itemized bill, including an explanation of all charges, regardless of the source of payment.