

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-137.05 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hospitals; price*
3 *transparency.*

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5 Approved

[H 481]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 32.1-137.05 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 32.1-137.05. Information regarding standard charges; advance estimate of patient payment**
9 **amount for elective procedure, test, or service.**

10 *A. Every hospital shall make available to the public on its website a machine-readable file*
11 *containing a list of all standard charges for all items and services provided by the hospital in*
12 *accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 180.50, as amended. As used in this subsection, "hospital," "items and*
13 *services," "machine-readable," and "standard charge" have the same meaning as set forth in 45 C.F.R.*
14 *§ 180.20.*

15 *B. Every hospital shall, upon request of a patient scheduled to receive an elective procedure, test, or*
16 *service to be performed by the hospital, or upon request of such patient's legally authorized*
17 *representative, made no less than three days in advance of the date on which such elective procedure,*
18 *test, or service is scheduled to be performed, furnish the patient with an estimate of the payment amount*
19 *for which the participant will be responsible for such elective procedure, test, or service. Every hospital*
20 *shall provide written information about the patient's ability to request an estimate of the payment amount*
21 *pursuant to this section. Such written information shall be posted conspicuously in public areas of the*
22 *hospital, including admissions or registration areas, and included on any website maintained by the*
23 *hospital.*

24 **2. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.**

25 **3. That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall develop recommendations for**
26 **implementation of this act, including any regulatory changes that may be necessary for**
27 **implementation of this act, and shall report his recommendations to the Governor and the**
28 **Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee**
29 **on Education and Health by November 1, 2022.**

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