

# Requiring Hospitals to Report Charges for Certain Diagnostic-Related Groups

This Act directs that certain hospitals report annually to the state department of health the charges for the twenty-five most common inpatient diagnostic-related groups for which there are at least ten cases rendered by the hospital during the twelve months preceding the report. The Act directs state department of health to promulgate rules to provide for the reporting of charges by hospitals.

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## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as “An Act to Require Hospitals to Report  
2 the Charges for Certain Diagnostic-Related Groups.”

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4           Section 2. [*Reporting Charges for Inpatient Diagnostic-Related Groups.*] Any hospital  
5 licensed pursuant to [insert citation] shall report annually to the [Department of Health] the  
6 charges for the [twenty-five] most common inpatient diagnostic-related groups for which there  
7 are at least [ten cases] rendered by the hospital during the [twelve months] preceding the report.  
8 The [Department of Health] shall promulgate rules to provide for the reporting of charges by  
9 hospitals. The rules shall include:

10                   (1) The method for hospitals to report charges to the [department];

11                   (2) Standards that provide for the validity and comparability of charge reports;

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13                   (3) The format for making charge reports available to the public.

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15           Section 3. [*Posting Hospital Charges on Department of Health Web Site.*] The  
16 [Department of Health] shall make available the hospital charge reports required by this Act on  
17 its web site. The charge reports shall include disclaimers regarding factors, including case  
18 severity ratings and individual patient variations, which may affect actual charges to a patient for  
19 services rendered. Upon request, the [department] shall provide the charge reports by first class  
20 mail.

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22           Section 4. [*Definition – Charge.*] For the purposes of this Act, the term “charge,” is that  
23 amount that a hospital would expect to charge for an inpatient diagnostic-related group. Any  
24 charge that is required by this Act to be reported to the public shall be the median charge for all  
25 cases of the diagnostic-related group occurring in the [twelve months] preceding the report.

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27           Section 5. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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29           Section 6. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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31           Section 7. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]