
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 The legislature finds that consumers are attempting to
2 learn more about their health. Last year, some 113 million
3 people used the Internet to get health information. Each day,
4 eight million people are doing their own research on diets,
5 medical conditions, diseases, treatment options, and in some
6 cases, the performance of hospitals and doctors.

7 The legislature also finds that in an era of more
8 sophisticated means and information-savvy consumers, simple
9 questions regarding the price of medical procedures and services
10 are difficult to obtain. In an increasingly consumer-driven
11 medical market, transparency about price for services is crucial
12 to empowering consumers in making intelligent decisions about
13 their health.

14 The purpose of this Act is to mandate the progressive
15 disclosure of prices of medical services and procedures.

16 SECTION 2. As a condition of licensure under chapters 453
17 and 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, and as a condition for
18 licensure as a health care facility as defined in chapter 323D,



1 prices for the following medical procedures and services shall
2 be disclosed and displayed by those holding licenses under
3 chapters 453 and 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- 4 (1) Office visit for physical examination;
- 5 (2) Tonsillectomy;
- 6 (3) Arthroscopy medial meniscectomy;
- 7 (4) Cysto ureteroscopy lithotripsy, either with or without
8 the use of a laser; and
- 9 (5) Mass excisions.

10 SECTION 3. As a condition of licensure under chapters 453
11 and 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, and as a condition for
12 licensure as a health care facility as defined in chapter 323D,
13 prices for the following medical procedures and services shall
14 be disclosed and displayed by those holding licenses under
15 chapters 453 and 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- 16 (1) Overnight stay at the health care facility;
- 17 (2) Blood testing;
- 18 (3) Appendectomy;
- 19 (4) Caesarian section;
- 20 (5) Cataract extraction;
- 21 (6) Laparoscopy cholecystectomy;
- 22 (7) Carpal tunnel release; and



1 (8) Iliac or femoral angioplasty, with or without a stent.

2 SECTION 4. As a condition of licensure under chapters 453
3 and 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, and as a condition for
4 licensure as a health care facility as defined in chapter 323D,
5 all prices for medical procedures and services performed by
6 those holding licenses under chapters 453 and 455 of the Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes shall be disclosed and displayed.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009,
9 provided that section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2010,
10 and section 4 shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Medical procedures; transparency

Description:

Mandating progressive disclosure of costs of medical procedures.

