

SHB 1869 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Health care providers licensed under Title 18 RCW and health
6 care facilities licensed under Title 70 RCW, shall provide the
7 following to a patient upon request:

8 (a) An estimate of fees and charges related to a specific service,
9 visit, or stay; and

10 (b) Information regarding other types of fees or charges a patient
11 may receive in conjunction with their visit to the provider or
12 facility.

13 (2) Providers and facilities listed in subsection (1) of this
14 section may, after disclosing estimated charges and fees to a patient,
15 refer the patient to the patient's insurer, if applicable, for specific
16 information on the insurer's negotiated charges and fees, and any cost-
17 sharing responsibilities required of the patient.

18 (3) Providers and facilities listed in subsection (1) of this
19 section must post a notice in a location visible to all patients that
20 says, "You have the right to know the estimated cost of your health
21 services before you consent to the services. Please do not hesitate to
22 ask for information."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "information;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
3 70.01 RCW."

EFFECT: Requires posting of a notice that patients have a right
to know the estimated cost of the health services.

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