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Statute	Provision	House Bill v. I		Senate Bill v. G	
AS 18.15.360	Data collection	a	DHSS will expand their data collection to include health care services and price information.	No change	a
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	a	A health care provider will annually compile by procedure code the 25 health care services most commonly performed and the undiscounted price.	Add facility fees and the Medicaid payment rate.	a
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	b	A health care facility will annually compile by procedure code the 50 health care services most commonly performed and the undiscounted price.	Add facility fees and the Medicaid payment rate.	b
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	f	Health care providers or facilities performing fewer than 25 or 50 services, respectively, will include a list of all health care services performed by the provider or at the facility.	No change	c
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	A health care provider who provides services in a group practice is not required to compile and publish a list if the group practice already compiles and publishes a price list, and the prices of the provider are reflected in the list.	d
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	c/d	Health care providers and facilities will publish the lists by January 31st each year, in addition to: providing the list to DHSS for their database in AS 18.15.360(a), post a copy of the list in a public area, and on the provider or facility website if they have one. There will also be a statement explaining that the price may be higher or lower than the amount the individual actually pays.	Add font size no smaller than 20; a written statement, "You will be provided with an estimate of the anticipated charges for your nonemergency care upon request. Please do not hesitate to ask for information;" a list of health care insurers in-network with the provider or facility.	e
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	e	DHSS will compile and annually update the lists provided by the health care providers and facilities, with their names and addresses, and post this information on the department's website, and enter this information into their database maintained under AS 18.15.360.	No change	f
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	A patient can request a good faith estimate (GFE). The provider or facility has 10 days to provide the estimate or before the services are provided. The GFE will be given verbally, in writing, or electronically. If the GFE is given to the patient verbally, the provider or facility will keep a record of the request. The GFE must include a portion of the total charges or a reasonable range of the anticipated charges.	g

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AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	The GFE will include: health care services, products, procedures, and supplies, the in-network and out-of-network providers, procedure code, facility fees, and the identity of other agencies that may charge for a service or product in connection to the health care service.	h
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	A health care provider or facility that provides a GFE is not liable for damages if the estimate differs than the amount charged to the patient.	i
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	A health care facility that is an emergency department is not required to provide a GFE for nonemergency care.	j
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	g	A health care provider or facility that fails to comply will be liable for a civil penalty. DHSS may impose a civil penalty of no more than \$50 a day after March 31. The total penalty may not exceed \$2,500.	Change increase to \$100 a day, not to exceed \$5,000; failure to provide a GFE after 10 days or before the service is provided is \$100 day, not to exceed \$5,000.	k
			A health care provider or facility penalized is entitled to a hearing conducted by the office of administrative hearings under AS 44.64.	No change	l
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information		No provision	A municipality may not enforce an ordinance that imposes health care price disclosure requirements.	m
AS 18.23.400	Disclosure and reporting of health care services and price information	h	Definitions for department, health care facility, health care provider, health care service, recipient, third party, undiscounted price.	Add facility fee, health care insurer, nonemergency health care service.	n
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