

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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5 By: Representative Key
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2575

For An Act To Be Entitled

THE INFORMED MEDICAL CONSUMER ACT OF 2005.

Subtitle

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2005.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 92, Subchapter 1 is amended
19 to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20 17-92-113. Retail pharmacy drug prices.

21 Each receipt provided by pharmacies pursuant to the filling of a
22 prescription shall include:

23 (1) The total price of the prescription; and

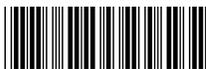
24 (2) The amount to be paid by the consumer.
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7 is amended to add an
27 additional subchapter to read as follows:

28 20-7-502. Prices of medical procedures -- Public notice.

29 (a) No later than October 1, 2006, all medical professionals licensed
30 under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq. shall make
31 available on their Internet websites a price list containing, at a minimum,
32 the fifteen (15) most common medical procedures performed by that licensed
33 professional.

34 (b) The professional shall post in a conspicuous place in the
35 professional's place of business a statement about the availability of the
36 price list for the most common procedures.



1 (c) The professional shall provide the price list to a consumer upon
 2 oral or written request by the consumer.

3 (d) The medical professional may indicate that each patient's bill may
 4 vary from the average depending upon the severity of illness and individual
 5 resources consumed.

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 7 20-7-503. Prices in hospitals and medical facilities -- Public notice.

8 (a)(1) Each hospital and medical facility licensed by the State of
 9 Arkansas shall maintain a price list of the most common inpatient services
 10 and outpatient procedures rendered.

11 (2)(A) For inpatient services, the price list must include a per
 12 diem bed charge and an average charge for all ancillary charges for the
 13 fifteen (15) most common services involving inpatient stays.

14 (B) If the per diem bed charge includes all ancillary
 15 charges for a procedure, no further information is required.

16 (3) For outpatient procedures for which an individual would not
 17 incur a bed charge, the price list must include the twenty (20) most common
 18 surgical and diagnostic procedures rendered by the licensee.

19 (b) The licensee may not be required to publicly post the price list.

20 (c) The licensee shall post in a conspicuous place a statement about
 21 the availability of the price list for the most common services involving
 22 inpatient stays and procedures.

23 (d) The licensee shall provide its price list to a consumer upon oral
 24 or written request by the consumer.

25 (e) The price list may include a disclaimer regarding changes or other
 26 factors that may affect actual charges for services rendered by the licensee.

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