

HOUSE BILL No. 2291

By Committee on Taxation

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9 AN ACT enacting the health care price transparency act; prescribing
10 disclosure and availability of prices charged by certain health care pro-
11 viders and reimbursed by health insurance carriers for health or med-
12 ical care services.

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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. (a) Each health insurance carrier, health maintenance or-
16 ganization (HMO), and preferred provider organization (PPO) shall make
17 available for public disclosure the carrier's negotiated rates for certain
18 and common health or medical care services.

19 (b) This public disclosure of the health insurance carrier's rates:

20 (1) Shall be based upon the health insurance carrier's, HMO's and
21 PPO's current negotiated medical rates with Kansas health care or med-
22 ical care service providers. Health care or medical care service providers
23 includes general and speciality hospitals; outpatient medical treatment
24 facility; outpatient ambulatory surgical center; computerized axial tomog-
25 raphy (CAT) scanning, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), x-ray or other
26 medical diagnostic service provider; medical laboratory service provider;
27 pharmacy; physician clinic; and any corporation, limited partnership or
28 other legal entity providing health care or medical services; and

29 (2) shall be available to all consumers requesting the information.

30 Sec. 2. (a) Each health care provider shall make available for public
31 disclosure and public usage of the health care provider's charges for cer-
32 tain and common health or medical care services.

33 (b) This public disclosure and usage of health care provider's charges:

34 (1) Shall be based upon the health care provider's lowest insurance
35 carrier, HMO or PPO negotiated rates. If the provider does not accept
36 insurance, this disclosure must be current and consistent with the normal
37 billing schedule of the health care provider; and

38 (2) a copy or estimate, or both, of the proposed charges shall be given
39 to the consumer upon request.

40 (c) As used in this section, (1) "health care or medical care services"
41 includes all health or medical care, services, procedures, surgeries and
42 drugs; and (2) "health care provider" includes general and speciality hos-
43 pitals; outpatient medical treatment facility; outpatient ambulatory sur-

1 gical center; computerized axial tomography (CAT) scanning, magnetic
2 resonance imaging (MRI), x-ray or other medical diagnostic service pro-
3 vider; medical laboratory service provider; pharmacy; physician clinic; and
4 any corporation, limited partnership or other legal entity providing health
5 care or medical services.

6 Sec. 3. This act shall be known and may be cited as the health care
7 price transparency act.

8 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.