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H. F. No. 4063

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to health; establishing requirements to screen certain hospital patients
- 1.3 before discharge for eligibility for health coverage or assistance; amending
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.586, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144.586, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 4. Screening for eligibility for health coverage or assistance. (a) At any time
- 1.9 before discharging a patient, a hospital must screen a patient who is uninsured or who does
- 1.10 not know the patient's insurance coverage status for eligibility for charity care from the
- 1.11 hospital, eligibility for state or federal public health care programs using presumptive
- 1.12 eligibility or another similar process, and eligibility for a premium tax credit.
- 1.13 (b) If the patient is eligible for charity care from the hospital, the hospital must assist
- 1.14 the patient in applying for charity care and must refer the patient to the appropriate
- 1.15 department in the hospital for follow-up.
- 1.16 (c) If the patient is presumptively eligible for a public health care program, the hospital
- 1.17 must assist the patient in completing an insurance affordability program application or must
- 1.18 schedule an appointment for the patient with a navigator organization. If the patient is
- 1.19 eligible for a premium tax credit, the hospital must schedule an appointment for the patient
- 1.20 with a navigator organization.
- 1.21 (d) A patient may decline to participate in the screening process, to apply for charity
- 1.22 care, to complete an insurance affordability program application, or to schedule an
- 1.23 appointment with a navigator organization.

2.1 (e) For purposes of this subdivision:

2.2 (1) "hospital" means a private, nonprofit, or municipal hospital licensed under sections
2.3 144.50 to 144.56;

2.4 (2) "navigator" has the meaning given in section 62V.02, subdivision 9;

2.5 (3) "premium tax credit" means a tax credit or premium subsidy under the federal Patient
2.6 Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended, including the federal
2.7 Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, and any
2.8 amendments to and federal guidance and regulations issued under these acts; and

2.9 (4) "presumptive eligibility" has the meaning given in section 256B.057, subdivision
2.10 12.