144.591 DISCLOSURE OF HOSPITAL CHARGES.

(a) Each hospital, including hospitals designated as critical access hospitals, shall provide to each discharged patient within 30 calendar days of discharge an itemized description of billed charges for medical services and goods the patient received during the hospital stay. The itemized description of billed charges may include technical terms to describe the medical services and goods if the technical terms are defined on the itemized description with limited medical nomenclature. The itemized description of billed charges must not describe a billed charge using only a medical billing code, "miscellaneous charges," or "supply charges."

(b) A hospital may not bill or otherwise charge a patient for the itemized description of billed charges.

(c) A hospital must provide an itemized description by secure email, via a secure online portal, or, upon request, by mail.

(d) This section does not apply to patients enrolled in Medicare, medical assistance, the MinnesotaCare program, or who receive health care coverage through an employer self-insured health plan.

History: *1Sp2019 c 9 art 11 s 35*