604.175 COMPLIANCE WITH DEBT COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Any patient may bring an action to enjoin extraordinary collection actions taken by a nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a plain language summary of the financial assistance policy. A prevailing patient is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "extraordinary collection actions" means an action described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-6;

(2) "financial assistance policy" means a written policy that meets the requirements described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-4;

(3) "nonprofit hospital" means a hospital that claims federal tax status under United States Code, title 26, section 501(r); and

(4) "plain language summary" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-1.

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