

House Bill 2019

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires hospitals to report rates to Department of Human Services annually. Prohibits hospitals from charging rates greater or less than reported rates except pursuant to published charity care policy.

Authorizes department to impose civil penalties.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hospital rates; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Charity care" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.200.**

6 (b) **"Health care purchaser" means any person other than a government entity that**
7 **purchases health care.**

8 (c) **"Hospital" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015, excluding special inpa-**
9 **tient care and inpatient psychiatric facilities operated by the state.**

10 (2) **A hospital shall annually report to the Department of Human Services, in the form**
11 **and manner prescribed by the department, the rates charged for hospital services.**

12 (3) **A hospital shall charge the rates reported to the department under this section to all**
13 **health care purchasers and may not accept payments that are greater or less than the re-**
14 **ported rates except in accordance with a published policy on charity care.**

15 **SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services may impose a civil penalty as prescribed**
16 **by the department by rule for violation of section 1 of this 2009 Act. Civil penalties shall be**
17 **imposed in accordance with ORS 183.745.**

18 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the reg-**
19 **ular session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.