

Requested by Senator JOHNSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 4020**

1 On page 13 of the printed A-engrossed bill, after line 7, insert:

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3 **“HOSPITAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICIES**

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5 **“SECTION 9. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Financial assistance policy’ means a policy that meets the re-**
7 **quirements of section 501(r) of the Internal Revenue Code and imple-**
8 **menting regulations.**

9 **“(b) ‘Hospital’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

10 **“(2) A hospital shall have a written financial assistance policy that**
11 **complies with the plain language standards for consumer contracts**
12 **under ORS 180.545 (1).**

13 **“(3) A hospital shall:**

14 **“(a) Provide a paper copy of the financial assistance policy to a**
15 **patient upon request;**

16 **“(b) Include on each billing statement notice of:**

17 **“(A) The availability of financial assistance;**

18 **“(B) The contact information for the office or department of the**
19 **hospital that can provide information about obtaining financial as-**
20 **sistance; and**

21 **“(C) The direct Internet address for the financial assistance policy;**

1 **and**

2 **“(c) Maintain public displays in locations in the hospital that are**
3 **accessible to the public that notify and inform patients about the fi-**
4 **nancial assistance policy. Locations that are accessible to the public**
5 **include but are not limited to the emergency department, if any, and**
6 **the areas where patient admissions are processed.**

7 **“(4) No later than January 1, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority**
8 **shall make available to hospitals and the general public a uniform**
9 **application for financial assistance, created by a trade association re-**
10 **presenting hospitals, that may be used in any hospital in this state to**
11 **request financial assistance.**

12 **“SECTION 10.** Section 9 of this 2018 Act is amended to read:

13 **“Sec. 9.** (1) As used in this section:

14 **“(a) ‘Financial assistance policy’ means a policy that meets the require-**
15 **ments of section 501(r) of the Internal Revenue Code and implementing reg-**
16 **ulations.**

17 **“(b) ‘Hospital’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

18 **“(2) A hospital shall have a written financial assistance policy that com-**
19 **plies with the plain language standards for consumer contracts under ORS**
20 **180.545 (1).**

21 **“(3) A hospital shall:**

22 **“(a) Provide a paper copy of the financial assistance policy to a patient**
23 **upon request;**

24 **“(b) Include on each billing statement notice of:**

25 **“(A) The availability of financial assistance;**

26 **“(B) The contact information for the office or department of the hospital**
27 **that can provide information about obtaining financial assistance; and**

28 **“(C) The direct Internet address for the financial assistance policy; and**

29 **“(c) Maintain public displays in locations in the hospital that are acces-**
30 **sible to the public that notify and inform patients about the financial as-**

1 sistance policy. Locations that are accessible to the public include but are
2 not limited to the emergency department, if any, and the areas where patient
3 admissions are processed.

4 “(4) [*No later than January 1, 2020,*] The Oregon Health Authority shall
5 make available to hospitals and the general public a uniform application for
6 financial assistance, created by a trade association representing hospitals,
7 that may be used in any hospital in this state to request financial
8 assistance.”.

9 In line 11, delete “9” and insert “11”.

10 On page 15, line 9, delete “10” and insert “12”.

11 On page 16, line 44, delete “11” and insert “13”.

12 On page 17, line 35, delete “12” and insert “14”.

13 On page 18, line 11, delete “13” and insert “15”.

14 In line 24, delete “14” and insert “16”.

15 On page 19, line 4, delete “15” and insert “17”.

16 In line 43, delete “16” and insert “18”.

17 In line 45, delete “17” and insert “19”.

18 On page 20, line 8, delete “18” and insert “20”.

19 In line 9, delete “19. Section 2” and insert “21. (1) Sections 2 and 9”.

20 After line 10, insert:

21 “(2) The amendments to section 9 of this 2018 Act by section 10 of this
22 2018 Act become operative on January 2, 2020.”.

23 In line 11, delete “20” and insert “22”.

24 In line 15, delete “21” and insert “23”.

25 In line 21, delete “22” and insert “24”.

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