



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1225

Introduced by: **Representative** Heermann

1 **An Act to update and repeal provisions related to the reporting of hospital charge**
 2 **information.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 34-12E-11 be AMENDED:**

5 **34-12E-11.** Any hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 shall annually report
 6 annually charge information to the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations
 7 ~~the charge information as described in § 34-12E-13 for that hospital's All Patient Refined~~
 8 ~~Diagnosis-Related Groups~~ for which that hospital had at least ten cases during the twelve
 9 months preceding the report, using the hospital's All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related
 10 Groups or the Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups.

11 The Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to
 12 provide for the reporting of ~~the~~ charge information by hospitals. The rules ~~shall~~ must
 13 include:

14 (1) ~~The~~ the method for hospitals to report charges; ~~and~~
 15 (2) ~~Standards that provide standards~~ standards for the validity and comparability of ~~charge~~
 16 ~~reports~~ reported charges.

17 For the purposes of this section, "charge information" means:

18 (1) The number of discharges;
 19 (2) The average length of stay;
 20 (3) The average charge;
 21 (4) The median charge;
 22 (5) Demographic information;
 23 (6) Payer mix;
 24 (7) Charges not paid;
 25 (8) Charges paid by medicare, medicaid, other governmental programs, and private
 26 insurance; and

1 (9) Uncompensated care.

2 **Section 2. That § 34-12E-11.1 be REPEALED.**

3 ~~The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations shall develop a web-~~
4 ~~based system, available to the public at no cost, for reporting the charge information of~~
5 ~~hospitals. The charge information shall include disclaimers regarding factors, including~~
6 ~~case severity ratings and individual patient variations, which may affect actual charges to~~
7 ~~a patient for services rendered. The website shall provide information that compares~~
8 ~~hospital-specific data to hospital statewide data. The website shall be established by June~~
9 ~~1, 2009, and shall be updated no less than annually.~~

10 **Section 3. That § 34-12E-12 be REPEALED.**

11 ~~The Department of Health shall provide a link to the web-based system developed~~
12 ~~pursuant to § 34-12E-11.1 on its website.~~

13 **Section 4. That § 34-12E-13 be REPEALED.**

14 ~~For the purposes of §§ 34-12E-11 and 34-12E-11.1, the term, charge information,~~
15 ~~includes the number of discharges; average length of stay; average charge; median~~
16 ~~charge; demographic information; payer mix; charges not paid and charges paid by~~
17 ~~medicare, medicaid, and other government programs, and private insurance; and~~
18 ~~uncompensated care.~~