



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 11

**Short Title:** MEDICAL PATIENT BILLING DISCLOSURES

### Summary:

- Requires hospitals that receive government money to disclose on patient billings the discount rates the hospital charges patients in other payer groups for identical services and materials.
- Requires hospitals to disclose what portion of the patient's bill goes toward cost subsidies for indigent individuals.

### Benefits:

- Improves transparency in health care pricing.
- Could lead to equity in health care costs.
- Empowers citizens to be informed participants in their own health care.

### Background:

Health care costs continue to climb. Hospitals negotiate pricing discounts to large groups of patients, such as insurers and government agencies, that can leverage large groups of patients. Generally, the larger the group, the larger the discount. Working class families with some assets but no insurance coverage pay the most for services in our current system. SB 11 provides information for patients who are often unaware this situation exists.