

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3044

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; defining terms;  
requiring health care facilities using medical  
billing companies to provide certain notice; listing  
notice requirements; providing for codification; and  
providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1230 of Title 36, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Health care facility" means any public or private  
organization, corporation, authority, partnership, sole  
proprietorship, association, agency, network, joint venture, or  
other entity that is involved in providing health care services,  
including a hospital, clinic, medical center, ambulatory surgical  
center, private physician's office, pharmacy, nursing home,  
university hospital, medical school, nursing school, medical

1 training facility, inpatient health care facility or other place  
2 where health care services are provided;

3 2. "Health care services" means any services provided by a  
4 health care provider, or by an individual working for or under the  
5 supervision of a health care provider, that relate to the diagnosis,  
6 assessment, prevention, treatment or care of any human illness,  
7 disease, injury or medical condition; and

8 3. "Medical billing company" means a company that provides  
9 medical billing services, including, but not limited to, regular  
10 invoicing, insurance verification, collections assistance, referral  
11 coordination and reimbursement tracking, on a contractual basis for  
12 a health care facility.

13 B. A health care facility that contracts with a medical billing  
14 company shall provide to every person receiving health care services  
15 at the facility a written disclosure with the following information:

16 1. Notification that the health care facility contracts with a  
17 medical billing company;

18 2. The name of the medical billing company providing medical  
19 billing services;

20 3. Notification that the medical billing company may contact  
21 and bill the recipient of the health care services directly for  
22 additional charges;

23 4. The manner in which the medical billing company may contact  
24 the recipient of the health care services; and

1 5. A good-faith estimate of any potential additional charges.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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