

ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3860**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee adopts amendments to Assembly Bill No. 3860.

This bill establishes certain medical billing requirements concerning the specific nature of charges or expenses for health care services.

The bill requires a health care provider to provide to the patient or to the patient's survivor or legal guardian, as appropriate, a consolidated, itemized statement or bill detailing the specific nature of the charges or expenses for the health care services the patient received from the provider. The health care provider must provide the statement or bill within 30 days after a patient's discharge or release or within seven days after receiving a written request. The description of billed charges will be in plain language that is comprehensible to an ordinary layperson but may include technical terms to describe the health care services if the technical terms are defined using limited medical nomenclature as permitted under the rules adopted pursuant to this bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) require a health care provider, when providing an itemized statement or bill, to include information on, and paper or electronic applications for, free or reduced cost financial assistance health care programs available to patients;

(2) allow providers to transmit itemized statements or bills primarily by mail, unless the patient requests that the itemized statement or bill be sent by secure e-mail; and

(3) extends the time a health care facility has to provide a response to questions from a patient concerning the patient's itemized statement or bill from seven business days to 10 business days.