

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 434

S.P. 152

In Senate, February 4, 2003

### An Act To Amend the Patient's Bill of Rights Laws

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and  
Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, PERRY of  
Bangor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4301-A, sub-§§15-A and 16-A** are enacted to read:

6       **15-A. Price list.** "Price list" means a document that describes each service offered by a provider or the provider's employer and that for each such service states:

10       A. The price charged by the provider or the provider's employer;

12       B. The lowest reimbursement from a nonpublic source applicable as of January 1, 2004 to which the provider or the provider's employer has agreed; and

14       C. The lowest reimbursement from a nonpublic source that the provider or the provider's employer has accepted within the preceding 90 days.

16       **16-A. Reimbursement.** "Reimbursement" means the total financial payment to a provider for a specific service accepted or agreed to, including any payments made or to be made to fulfill a copayment or deductible requirement or any other form of financial payment by the patient.

22       **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §§4306-A, 4306-B and 4306-C** are enacted to read:

26       **§4306-A. Price list required**

30       Effective January 1, 2004, each provider shall publish a price list. The price list must be published in a format that allows a person with a 6th-grade reading level, as determined by a recognized instrument for measuring adult literacy levels, to understand the nature and purpose of each service or variation thereof. The price list must be made available to patients or customers at the initial visit to a provider and at any other time upon request. The price list must be published on a publicly accessible site on the Internet maintained by a provider or the provider's employer. The price list must be updated and published every 6 months.

32       **§4306-B. Price information for hospital stay**

34       **1. Required.** Effective January 1, 2004, each hospital shall include in its price list information set forth in section 4301-A, subsection 15 for all charges from that hospital that arose, from admission through discharge, for an admission scheduled for the 3 most frequently occurring variations under the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision,

2 within the preceding calendar year for each of the following  
3 diagnostic related groupings:

4 A. Coronary artery bypass;

6 B. Coronary angioplasty;

8 C. Abdominal aortic aneurysm;

10 D. Carotid endarterectomy;

12 E. Esophageal cancer surgery;

14 F. Uterine and adnexa procedure for nonmalignancy  
15 (hysterectomy);

16 G. Caesarean section;

18 H. Major joint and limb reattachment of lower extremity  
20 (knee and hip replacement);

22 I. Major small and large bowel procedures (surgery of the  
23 colon, small and large intestines);

24 J. Appendectomy without complicated principal diagnosis  
26 (appendectomy, without peritonitis);

28 K. Spinal fusion (spine surgery with fusion);

30 L. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy without common duct  
31 exploration (laparoscopic gall bladder surgery);

32 M. Back and neck procedures except spinal fusion (spine  
34 surgery without fusion);

36 N. Lower extremity and humerus procedure except hip, foot  
38 or femur (surgery of arms and legs, excluding hips and  
39 knees);

40 O. Stomach, esophageal and duodenal procedures (stomach  
41 surgery);

42 P. Female reproductive system reconstructive procedures  
44 (reproductive reconstructive procedures);

46 Q. Appendectomy with complicated principal diagnosis  
47 (appendectomy with peritonitis);

48 R. Major male pelvic procedures (prostatectomy);

50 S. Major chest procedures (lung surgery); and  
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