

By Mr. Cusack of Arlington, petition of John F. Cusack for legislation to eliminate payment differential by non-profit hospital service plans. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE PAYMENT DIFFERENTIAL BY NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE PLANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 176A, Section one, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 703, Act of 1972 is hereby further amended
3 by striking the second paragraph, and inserting the following: —

4 Nothing in this chapter shall prevent such a corporation from
5 reimbursing a subscriber for services received in a non-participat-
6 ing hospital within or outside the commonwealth in the event of
7 accident, illness or maternity, or upon the written direction of the
8 subscriber, from making payment to said hospital for such serv-
9 ices; provided, however, that the amount of such reimbursement
10 and payment to any such hospital within the commonwealth shall
11 conform with such method of payment and guarantee of benefits
12 as shall be authorized in Section Five of this Chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A as most recently amended by
2 Chapter 372, Acts of 1982 is further amended by adding the
3 following section: —

4 *Section 4A. Definitions*

5 In Sections Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Eight A, Eight B, Eight C,
6 Eight D, Eight E and Ten the following words shall have the
7 following meanings: —

8 Rates of Payment — Those charges made to the general public
9 by a hospital, and approved by the Governing Board of the hospi-

10 tal, for supplies, care, services and accommodations.

11 Hospital — Any hospital licensed under Section 51 of Chapter
12 one hundred eleven, the teaching hospital of the University of
13 Massachusetts Medical School and any psychiatric facility licens-
14 ed under section twenty-nine of Chapter nineteen.

1 SECTION 3. The tenth paragraph of Section 5, Chapter 176A
2 is hereby struck in its entirety and the following substituted: —

3 All charges under such contracts shall be approved in advance
4 by the Commission. Any such approval may be withdrawn by the
5 Commission at any time as hereinafter provided. No charges shall
6 be approved nor their continuance be permitted by the Commis-
7 sion unless the charges made are reflective of reasonable hospital
8 costs.

9 The fifth paragraph of Section Five, Chapter 176A is amended
10 by inserting the following after the first sentence in said para-
11 graph: —

12 In the event of the corporation's inability to pay, such unpaid
13 charges shall become a liability on the corporation and the debt
14 shall take precedence over all other obligations of the corporation
15 in the event of restored capacity to pay.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 6A, as most recently amended by Chap-
2 ter 389, Acts of 1983, is hereby further amended by striking, in its
3 entirety, Section 59.

4 Section 51, subparagraph (b)(i)(3) of said Chapter 6A, is
5 amended by striking the words, "consistent with any discount
6 provided a third-party payor for prompt payment;"

7 Section 60 of Chapter 6A, paragraph C(b), clause (ii) is further
8 amended by striking that clause and inserting the following: —

9 (ii), gross patient service revenues shall be determined pursuant
10 to sections Fifty-one, Fifty-one A, Fifty-two, Fifty-two A, Fifty-
11 six, and Fifty seven, as if the designated successor agreement were,
12 or continued to be, in effect.

13 Section 62 of Chapter 6A is amended by striking the final
14 sentence in said section and inserting the following: —

15 In the case of an acute hospital which has not been offered a
16 hospital agreement, the commission shall establish approved gross

17 patient service revenues and Medicaid rates of payment in accor-
18 dance with Section 60, paragraph C, clause (b) of this Chapter.

1 SECTION 5. Section ten of Chapter three hundred and eighty-
2 nine, Acts of nine hundred and eighty-three, is hereby repealed.

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