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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring health care providers, hospitals, and designated  
2 employees to inform patients of inclusion on the patient's  
3 insurance provider list under specified circumstances.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.20 PATIENT INSURANCE  
2 COVERAGE -- REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the context  
4 otherwise requires:

5 a. "Health care provider" means a physician licensed  
6 pursuant to chapter 148, 150, 150A, or 151.

7 b. "Hospital" means a hospital as defined in section  
8 135B.1.

9 2. Prior to providing nonemergency medical care or  
10 treatment, a health care provider, a hospital, or an employee  
11 of a health care provider or hospital responsible for patient  
12 intake or admission, shall inform the patient regarding  
13 inclusion of the health care provider or hospital on the  
14 patient's insurance provider list.

15 3. A violation of this section by a health care provider,  
16 or an employee of a health care provider responsible for  
17 patient intake or admission, shall subject the health care  
18 provider to the penalty provisions of section 147.86 and the  
19 licensee disciplinary provisions of chapter 272C.

20 4. A violation of this section by a hospital, or an  
21 employee of a hospital responsible for patient intake or  
22 admission, shall subject the hospital to penalties to be  
23 determined by the department by rule, with the advice and  
24 approval of the hospital licensing board, pursuant to section  
25 135B.7.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that a health care provider, a hospital,  
28 or an employee of either responsible for patient intake and  
29 admission must inform patients of inclusion of the provider or  
30 hospital on the patient's insurance provider list prior to  
31 providing nonemergency medical or health treatment.

32 The bill defines a "health care provider" as a physician  
33 licensed pursuant to Code chapter 148, 150, 150A, or 151, and  
34 a "hospital" as an entity as defined in Code section 135B.1,  
35 subsection 3.

1 The bill provides that violations by a health care provider  
2 or an employee shall subject the health care provider to  
3 specified penalty provisions, and provides that similar  
4 violations by a hospital or its employee shall subject the  
5 hospital to penalties to be determined by the Iowa department  
6 of public health by rule, with the advice and approval of the  
7 hospital licensing board.

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