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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to information required to be provided and
2 reported relative to the provision of health care benefits,
3 and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SC 199 HUMAN RESOURCES

1 UNCOMPENSATED CARE

2 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135M.1 PATIENT INFORMATION
3 REQUIRED -- UNCOMPENSATED CARE -- REPORTING INFORMATION.

4 1. An individual who is the recipient of health care
5 services in a hospital and is uninsured shall disclose to the
6 hospital the identity of the employer of the proposed
7 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed
8 beneficiary is employed, the proposed beneficiary shall also
9 disclose whether the employment is full-time or part-time and
10 the number of hours worked per week. If the proposed
11 beneficiary of health care benefits is not employed, the
12 individual shall identify the employer of any adult who is
13 responsible for providing support to the proposed beneficiary.

14 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January
15 1 annually thereafter, each hospital shall submit a report to
16 the department of human services providing the information
17 collected under subsection 1 in a compiled format. The
18 reports submitted shall be used by the department of human
19 services to compile the report required pursuant to section
20 217.30A. The department of human services shall adopt rules
21 regarding the form to be used and the information to be
22 collected under subsection 1. Information collected shall not
23 include the name of any individual proposed beneficiary and
24 shall be collected in a manner that complies with all privacy
25 standards established by state or federal law.

26 3. For purposes of this section, "proposed beneficiary"
27 means an individual who receives health care services in a
28 hospital who is uninsured or the person on whose behalf the
29 individual receives health care benefits through the hospital,
30 including but not limited to a child or other dependent of the
31 individual.

32 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 217.30A REPORT ON HEALTH CARE
33 BENEFICIARIES.

34 1. On or before January 15, 2007, and on or before each
35 January 15 annually thereafter, the department of human

1 services shall submit a report to the governor and the general
2 assembly specifying all employers identified pursuant to
3 sections 135M.1, 249A.3A, 255.15A, and 514I.12 that, combined,
4 employ twenty-five or more proposed beneficiaries as defined
5 in those sections. In determining whether an employer meets
6 the threshold of employing twenty-five or more proposed
7 beneficiaries, the department of human services shall include
8 all proposed beneficiaries employed by the employer and its
9 subsidiaries at all locations within the state. The report
10 shall include the name of the employer, the location of the
11 employer, the total number of the employer's employees and
12 dependents of employees who are proposed beneficiaries, and
13 the total number of the employer's employees who are proposed
14 beneficiaries that are employed full-time, the total number
15 employed part-time, and the average number of hours worked by
16 the employees per week. The report shall also include the
17 total cost to the state for providing health care benefits to
18 the employees and dependents of the employees of the employers
19 identified. The report shall not include the name of any
20 individual proposed beneficiary and shall comply with all
21 privacy standards established by state or federal law. The
22 report shall also be made available to the public.

23 2. The department of human services shall adopt rules
24 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

25 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 249A.3A APPLICANT INFORMATION
26 REQUIRED -- REPORTING INFORMATION.

27 1. An applicant for the medical assistance program shall
28 disclose the identity of the employer of the proposed
29 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed
30 beneficiary is employed, the proposed beneficiary shall also
31 disclose whether the employment is full-time or part-time and
32 the number of hours worked per week. If the proposed
33 beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall identify the
34 employer of any adult who is responsible for providing support
35 to the proposed beneficiary.

1 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January
2 1 annually thereafter, the department shall compile the
3 information collected under subsection 1. The information
4 compiled shall be used by the department of human services to
5 compile the report required pursuant to section 217.30A. The
6 department of human services shall adopt rules regarding the
7 form to be used and the information to be collected under
8 subsection 1. Information collected shall not include the
9 name of any individual proposed beneficiary and shall be
10 collected in a manner that complies with all privacy standards
11 established by state or federal law.

12 3. For the purposes of this section, "proposed
13 beneficiary" means an individual who files an application for
14 medical assistance for the individual or the person on whose
15 behalf the individual files an application, including but not
16 limited to a child or other dependent of the applicant or
17 other individual for whom the application is filed.

18 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 255.15A PATIENT INFORMATION
19 REQUIRED -- REPORTING INFORMATION.

20 1. Any patient admitted to the university of Iowa
21 hospitals and clinics under this chapter shall disclose the
22 identity of the employer of the proposed beneficiary of health
23 care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is employed, the
24 proposed beneficiary shall also disclose whether the
25 employment is full-time or part-time and the number of hours
26 worked per week. If the proposed beneficiary of health care
27 benefits is not employed, the individual shall identify the
28 employer of any adult who is responsible for providing support
29 to the proposed beneficiary.

30 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January
31 1, annually thereafter, the university of Iowa hospitals and
32 clinics shall submit a report to the department of human
33 services providing the information collected under subsection
34 1 in a compiled format. The reports submitted shall be used
35 by the department of human services to compile the report

1 required pursuant to section 217.30A. The department of human
2 services shall adopt rules regarding the form to be used and
3 the information to be collected under subsection 1.
4 Information collected shall not include the name of any
5 individual proposed beneficiary and shall be collected in a
6 manner that complies with all privacy standards established by
7 state or federal law.

8 3. For the purposes of this section, "proposed
9 beneficiary" means an individual who receives health care
10 services at the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics
11 pursuant to this chapter or the person on whose behalf the
12 individual receives health care benefits through the hospital,
13 including but not limited to a child or other dependent of the
14 individual.

15 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 514I.12 APPLICANT INFORMATION
16 REQUIRED -- REPORTING INFORMATION.

17 1. An applicant for the hawk-i program shall disclose the
18 identity of the employer of the proposed beneficiary of health
19 care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is employed, the
20 proposed beneficiary shall also disclose whether the
21 employment is full-time or part-time and the number of hours
22 worked per week. If the proposed beneficiary is not employed,
23 the applicant shall identify the employer of any adult who is
24 responsible for providing support to the proposed beneficiary.

25 2. On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January
26 1 annually thereafter, the department shall compile the
27 information collected under subsection 1. The information
28 submitted shall be used by the department of human services to
29 compile the report required pursuant to section 217.30A. The
30 department of human services shall adopt rules regarding the
31 form to be used and the information to be collected under
32 subsection 1. Information collected shall not include the
33 name of any individual proposed beneficiary and shall be
34 collected in a manner that complies with all privacy standards
35 established by state or federal law.

1 3. For the purposes of this section, "proposed
2 beneficiary" means an individual who files an application for
3 the hawk-i program for the individual or the person on whose
4 behalf the individual files an application, including but not
5 limited to a child or other dependent of the applicant or
6 other individual for whom the application is filed.

7 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
8 2006.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill requires individuals who are the recipients of
11 health care services in a hospital and are uninsured to
12 disclose the identity of the employer of the proposed
13 beneficiary of health care benefits. If the proposed
14 beneficiary is employed, the proposed beneficiary is also to
15 disclose whether the employment is full-time or part-time and
16 the number of hours worked per week. If the proposed
17 beneficiary of health care benefits is not employed, the
18 individual is required to identify the employer of any adult
19 who is responsible for providing support to the proposed
20 beneficiary. The bill also requires that an applicant for the
21 medical assistance program, the indigent patient program, or
22 the hawk-i program disclose the identity of the employer of
23 the proposed beneficiary of health care benefits. If the
24 proposed beneficiary is employed, the proposed beneficiary is
25 also to disclose whether the employment is full-time or part-
26 time and the number of hours worked per week. If the proposed
27 beneficiary is not employed, the applicant is required to
28 identify the employer of any adult who is responsible for
29 providing support to the proposed beneficiary. The required
30 provision of information is to begin January 1, 2006.

31 The bill provides that on or before January 1, 2007, and on
32 or before January 1 annually thereafter, each hospital is
33 required to compile the information submitted by individuals
34 regarding employers and submit a report of this information to
35 the department of human services. Additionally, on or before

1 January 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 annually
2 thereafter, the information submitted by applicants for
3 medical assistance, the indigent patient program, or the hawk-
4 i program regarding employers is to be compiled by the
5 department of human services.

6 The bill then provides that beginning January 15, 2007, and
7 each January 15 annually thereafter, the department of human
8 services is to submit a report to the governor and the general
9 assembly specifying all employers identified by hospitals or
10 the Medicaid, indigent patient, or hawk-i programs that,
11 combined, employ 25 or more proposed beneficiaries. The
12 report is to include the name of the employer, the location of
13 the employer, the total number of the employer's employees and
14 dependents of employees who are proposed beneficiaries, and
15 the total number of the employer's employees who are proposed
16 beneficiaries who are employed full-time and part-time, and
17 the average number of hours worked per week. The report is
18 also to include the total cost to the state for providing
19 health care benefits to the employees and dependents of the
20 employees of the employers identified. The report is not to
21 include the names of any individual proposed beneficiary and
22 is also to comply with all privacy standards established by
23 state or federal law. The bill also provides that the report
24 is to be made available to the public.

25 The bill takes effect January 1, 2006.

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