

1-1 By: Harris Davila, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 216
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1-4 Human Services; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to itemized billing for health care services and supplies
1-20 provided by health care providers.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 185.002, Health and Safety Code, is
1-23 amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding
1-24 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (a) A health care provider that requests payment from a
1-26 patient after providing a health care service or related supply to
1-27 the patient shall submit with the request a written, itemized bill
1-28 of the alleged amount due for ~~cost of~~ each service and supply
1-29 provided to the patient during the patient's visit to the
1-30 provider. The provider must submit the itemized bill not later
1-31 than the 30th day after the provider receives a final payment on the
1-32 provided service or supply from a third party.

1-33 (c) A health care provider may issue the itemized bill:

1-34 (1) electronically, including through a patient
1-35 portal on the provider's Internet website, subject to Subsection
1-36 (c-1);

1-37 (2) through a hard copy delivered by mail or a common
1-38 carrier; or

1-39 (3) through a hard copy the patient or the patient's
1-40 designee obtains at the provider's place of business.

1-41 (c-1) A health care provider that issues an itemized bill to
1-42 a patient electronically through a patient portal under Subsection
1-43 (c) shall:

1-44 (1) determine whether the patient has an active
1-45 patient profile on the portal, if feasible; and

1-46 (2) if the health care provider is able to determine
1-47 that the patient does not have an active patient portal, mail,
1-48 e-mail, or provide a physical copy of the itemized bill to the
1-49 patient, according to the patient's preference.

1-50 (d) A patient is entitled to obtain from the health care
1-51 provider an itemized bill:

1-52 (1) subject to Subdivision (3), on request ~~at any~~
1-53 ~~time~~ after the itemized bill is initially issued under Subsection
1-54 (a);

1-55 (2) through the patient's chosen method of issuance in
1-56 accordance with Subsection (c); and

1-57 (3) until the date the provider is no longer required
1-58 to retain an itemized bill under applicable record retention laws
1-59 or provider policies and procedures regarding retention of patient
1-60 billing information.

1-61 SECTION 2. Section 185.003, Health and Safety Code, is

2-1 amended to read as follows:

2-2 Sec. 185.003. DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY LICENSING
2-3 AUTHORITY. (a) The appropriate licensing authority shall take
2-4 disciplinary action against a health care [the] provider that
2-5 violates this chapter [for the violation] as if the provider
2-6 violated an applicable licensing law.

2-7 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a health care provider
2-8 that in good faith mails a hard copy of an itemized bill to a patient
2-9 if:

2-10 (1) the mailed copy is returned as undeliverable or
2-11 lost; or

2-12 (2) the address on file for the patient was not current
2-13 at the time the itemized bill was mailed.

2-14 SECTION 3. Sections 311.002(b), (c), and (d), Health and
2-15 Safety Code, are repealed.

2-16 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-17 an itemized bill issued on or after the effective date of this Act.
2-18 An itemized bill issued before the effective date of this Act is
2-19 governed by the law in effect on the date the itemized bill was
2-20 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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