

separately from certain hospital charges; and generally relating to hospital summary financial statements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–350(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

19–350.

(b) (1) Within 30 days after discharge of an individual from a hospital, the hospital shall give the individual a summary financial statement that clearly describes:

(i) The total charges incurred;

(ii) If readily ascertainable, a summary of the total charges under the major services categories, including:

1. Room and board;
2. Diagnostic services;
3. Therapeutic services;
4. Emergency room services;
5. Drugs and IV solutions; and
6. Miscellaneous other supplies and services;

(iii) If applicable, the name of the primary and secondary insurer to which a claim has been or will be filed on the individual's behalf; [and]

(IV) THAT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PHYSICIAN ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES AND ARE BILLED SEPARATELY; AND

[(iv)] (V) The individual's right to request an itemized statement of the account within 1 year of receipt of the summary statement.

(2) Within 30 days after an individual's request as provided under paragraph [(1)(iv)] (1)(V) of this subsection, the hospital shall provide the individual a statement of the account that:

(i) Is itemized; and