

(c) (1) Unless a related institution contracts with its residents to provide care for an all-inclusive preestablished fee, on demand made within [30.] 90 days after service is provided to a resident, the related institution shall give the resident or representative of the resident a financial statement that:

(i) Is itemized; [and]

(ii) Describes briefly but clearly each item and the amount charged for it; AND

(III) IDENTIFIES THE PAYOR TO WHOM A CLAIM HAS BEEN FORWARDED; AND

~~(IV) DISCLOSES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE TO REQUEST AN ITEMIZED BILL.~~

(2) A related institution may not be required to give a resident more than 1 itemized statement in any [30] 90-day period.

(d) (1) On demand made within ~~[30]~~ 90 days after payment of any charge for an individual, a hospital or related institution shall give the individual or representative of the individual a financial statement that:

(i) Is itemized; ~~[and]~~

(ii) Describes briefly but clearly each item and the amount charged for it; AND

~~(III) IDENTIFIES THE PAYOR.~~

(2) A hospital or related institution is subject to a fine of \$300 if it fails to:

(i) Comply with this subsection; or

(ii) Give the individual or representative a reasonable written explanation for any delay in complying with this subsection.

(e) A hospital or related institution may not demand or accept final payment or recover for money unless the hospital or related institution has given the financial statements required under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1994~~ July 1, 1995.

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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
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Dear Mr. President: