

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 701 - L.D. 1105

**An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by
Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§25 is enacted to read:

25. Disclosure to enrollees of cash price. A carrier may not prohibit a provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services. For the purposes of this subsection, "discounted cash price" means:

A. With respect to a hospital, the discounted cash price as that term is defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 180.20 if the hospital has a discounted cash price and does not mean the amount charged to individuals who are eligible for free care or are eligible for the amounts charged pursuant to a hospital's financial assistance policy;
or

B. With respect to a provider that is not a hospital, the charge that applies to an enrollee who is paying for a health care service without filing any claim with a carrier.