

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1511

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require certain additional information in statements of explanation of benefits provided to Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare Program.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1999

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

---

## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require certain additional information in statements of explanation of benefits provided to Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare Program.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Truth in Bill-  
5       ing Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**  
 2 **WITH RESPECT TO ACTUAL PAYMENT**  
 3 **AMOUNTS MADE TO HOSPITALS FOR INPA-**  
 4 **TIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1806 of the Social Secu-  
 6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–7) is amended by adding at  
 7 the end the following new subsection:

8 “(c) SUNSHINE IN BILLING.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an item or  
 10 service consisting of inpatient hospital services fur-  
 11 nished during a cost reporting period by a sub-  
 12 section (d) hospital (as defined in section  
 13 1886(d)(1)(B)) to individuals entitled to benefits  
 14 under this part, the Secretary shall include in a  
 15 statement under subsection (a) the following addi-  
 16 tional listed information:

17 “(A) The amount of payment made by the  
 18 Secretary with respect to such item or service.

19 “(B) The amount equal to the difference  
 20 between the amount of payment customarily  
 21 charged by the hospital during such cost report-  
 22 ing period with respect to such item or service  
 23 and the amount of payment described in sub-  
 24 paragraph (A).

25 “(2) PRESENTATION ON STATEMENT.—(A) The  
 26 Secretary shall arrange the listed information re-

1       quired under this section in a manner that is readily  
2       comprehensible by such individuals.

3           “(B) The amount described in paragraph  
4       (1)(B) shall be referred to as the ‘hospital discount  
5       amount’ on the statement.”.

6       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
7       subsection (a) applies with respect to statements of expla-  
8       nation of benefits under the medicare program prepared  
9       for items and services furnished on or after the date of  
10      the enactment of this Act.

○