

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require hospitals to post prices on the walls.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO POST PRICES ON**
4 **THE WALLS.**

5 Section 2718 of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 300gg-18) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(f) **REQUIREMENT TO POST PRICES ON THE**
9 **WALLS.—**

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each hospital operating in
2 the United States shall, beginning January 1, 2028,
3 post on the wall of such hospital (in such areas as
4 specified by the Secretary) the discounted cash price,
5 as applicable, expressed as a dollar amount, for each
6 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services-specified
7 shoppable service that is furnished by the hospital
8 when provided in, as applicable, the inpatient setting
9 and outpatient department setting (or, in the case
10 no discounted cash price is available for such service,
11 the median cash price charged by the hospital to
12 self-pay individuals for such service when provided in
13 such settings for the previous three years, expressed
14 as a dollar amount).

15 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 “(A) DISCOUNTED CASH PRICE.—The
17 term ‘discounted cash price’ means the charge
18 that applies to an individual who pays cash, or
19 cash equivalent, for an item or service.

20 “(B) SHOPPABLE SERVICE.—The term
21 ‘shoppable service’ means a service that can be
22 scheduled by a health care consumer in advance
23 and includes all ancillary items and services
24 customarily furnished as part of such service.”.