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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), entitled, as  
2 reenacted, "An act providing for the creation of the Health  
3 Care Cost Containment Council, for its powers and duties, for  
4 health care cost containment through the collection and  
5 dissemination of data, for public accountability of health  
6 care costs and for health care for the indigent; and making  
7 an appropriation," providing for chagemaster data.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby  
9 enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408,  
11 No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, reenacted  
12 and amended June 10, 2009 (P.L.10, No.3), is amended by adding a  
13 definition to read:

14 Section 3. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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19 "Chagemaster." A uniform schedule of charges represented by  
20 a hospital or health care facility as its gross billed charge

1 for a given service or item, regardless of payer type.

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3 Section 2. Section 6(c)(20) and (21) of the act are amended  
4 and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

5 Section 6. Data submission and collection.

6 \* \* \*

7 (c) Data elements.--For each covered service performed in  
8 Pennsylvania, the council shall be required to collect the  
9 following data elements:

10 \* \* \*

11 (20) patient discharge status; [and]

12 (21) provider service effectiveness and provider quality  
13 pursuant to section 5(d)(4) and subsection (d)[.]; and

14 (22) the chargemaster from each hospital and ambulatory  
15 service facility, which must be submitted annually to the  
16 council by March 31, and must include the following:

17 (i) Medical test name fully spelled out as in the  
18 American Medical Association Current Procedural  
19 Terminology (CPT) manual.

20 (ii) Medical test CPT code.

21 (iii) Medical test charge rounded to the nearest  
22 dollar.

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24 Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended by adding a  
25 subsection to read:

26 Section 7. Data dissemination and publication.

27 \* \* \*

28 (c) Availability of chargemaster data.--The council shall  
29 make available the chargemaster for each hospital and ambulatory  
30 service facility licensed within this Commonwealth. The council

1 shall make this information available to the public on its  
2 Internet website or through a request pursuant to the provisions  
3 of section 10.

4 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.