

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1646
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 1646 prohibits health care entities from reporting any patient's medical debt to a credit bureau, pursuing any collection of the debt, or taking any adverse financial action against the patient for any provided service or complication arising out of a provided service. Health care entities may engage in these activities if they can prove the patient consented to the expense prior to receiving the service, meaning a health care entity must have:

- Outlined the total cost of the service to the patient, including services provided by out-of-network providers, and
- Presented the total cost separately from other forms and in plain language.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.