

## Enacted State Legislation: Transparency and Disclosure of Health Costs

Summary of enacted cost transparency legislation, including measures affecting disclosure, transparency, reporting or publication of charges and fees.

Statute	Summary	Years of Leg. Action
<p><b><u>Wisconsin</u></b></p> <p><b>Wis. Stat. §153.05, .08, .20-.22, .46, .46, .50</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires providers, except hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, to submit data to the state. The state must analyze this data and disseminate information in a manner that is readily understandable to laypersons.</li> <li>• Requires hospitals that wish to increase their prices beyond those established in the 1992 consumer price index to publish a notice of the proposed price increase prior to its implementation.</li> <li>• Requires the department to compile and submit a report containing data from providers, not including hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers.</li> <li>• Requires “an annual report setting forth the number of patients to whom uncompensated health care services were provided by each hospital and the total charges for the uncompensated health care services provided to the patients for the preceding year, together with the number of patients and the total charges that were projected by the hospital for that year.”</li> <li>• Requires the creation of a consumer guide “to assist consumers in selecting health care providers and health care plans.”</li> <li>• Requires a list of hospital charge data for the 75 most common diagnoses groups requiring inpatient care and the 75 most common outpatient procedures to be distributed to hospitals.</li> <li>• Requires a report to be submitted to the department containing “utilization, charge, and quality data on patients treated by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.”</li> <li>• Requires the department to release data.</li> <li>• Requires the entity charged with data collection to release data.</li> <li>• Requires measures to protect patient privacy when releasing information.</li> </ul>	<p>2010 2011 2013</p>
<p>Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, website, accessed 11/28/2016 <a href="http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/transparency-and-disclosure-health-costs.aspx">http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/transparency-and-disclosure-health-costs.aspx</a></p>		