

CHAPTER 60

AN ACT concerning health care facilities and supplementing P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:2H-12.52 Limitation on charges for certain uninsured patients.

1. A hospital licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.) shall charge a patient who is an uninsured resident of this State, and whose family gross income is less than 500% of the federal poverty level, an amount no greater than 115% of the applicable payment rate under the federal Medicare program, established pursuant to Pub.L.89-97 (42 U.S.C.s.1395 et seq.), for the health care services rendered to the patient. The amount shall be in accordance with the sliding scale based on income developed by the department pursuant to this act.

C.26:2H-12.53 Sliding scale for certain hospital charges.

2. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall establish a sliding scale based on income which stipulates the percentage of a hospital charge that an uninsured resident of this State whose family gross income is less than 500% of the federal poverty level is required to pay for health care services rendered at a hospital.

3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment.

Approved August 8, 2008.