

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fair Patient Billing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 35 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 88/35)

7 Sec. 35. Collection limitations.

8 (a) The hospital shall not pursue legal action for
9 non-payment of a hospital bill against uninsured patients who
10 have clearly demonstrated that they have neither sufficient
11 income nor assets to meet their financial obligations provided
12 the patient has complied with Section 45 of this Act.

13 (b) A hospital may not bill an uninsured patient that
14 requires health care services, as defined in Section 5 of the
15 Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act, if it determines,
16 through its financial assistance screening process, that the
17 patient has a household income that qualifies the person for
18 free care under the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act.
19 If the patient is deemed eligible for public health insurance
20 or any other insurance product certified by the Department of
21 Insurance, the hospital shall provide information to the
22 patient about how the patient can apply for the insurance
23 program under subsection (f) of Section 16.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-885, eff. 1-1-07.)