

1-1 By: Harris Davila, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 216  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;  
1-3 May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to itemized billing for health care services and supplies  
1-20 provided by health care providers.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 185.002, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-23 amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding  
1-24 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (a) A health care provider that requests payment from a  
1-26 patient after providing a health care service or related supply to  
1-27 the patient shall submit with the request a written, itemized bill  
1-28 of the alleged amount due for ~~cost of~~ each service and supply  
1-29 provided to the patient during the patient's visit to the  
1-30 provider. The provider must submit the itemized bill not later  
1-31 than the 30th day after the provider receives a final payment on the  
1-32 provided service or supply from a third party.

1-33 (c) A health care provider may issue the itemized bill:

1-34 (1) electronically, including through a patient  
1-35 portal on the provider's Internet website, subject to Subsection  
1-36 (c-1);

1-37 (2) through a hard copy delivered by mail or a common  
1-38 carrier; or

1-39 (3) through a hard copy the patient or the patient's  
1-40 designee obtains at the provider's place of business.

1-41 (c-1) A health care provider that issues an itemized bill to  
1-42 a patient electronically through a patient portal under Subsection  
1-43 (c) shall:

1-44 (1) determine whether the patient has an active  
1-45 patient profile on the portal, if feasible; and

1-46 (2) if the health care provider is able to determine  
1-47 that the patient does not have an active patient portal, mail,  
1-48 e-mail, or provide a physical copy of the itemized bill to the  
1-49 patient, according to the patient's preference.

1-50 (d) A patient is entitled to obtain from the health care  
1-51 provider an itemized bill:

1-52 (1) subject to Subdivision (3), on request [at any  
1-53 time] after the itemized bill is initially issued under Subsection  
1-54 (a);

1-55 (2) through the patient's chosen method of issuance in  
1-56 accordance with Subsection (c); and

1-57 (3) until the date the provider is no longer required  
1-58 to retain an itemized bill under applicable record retention laws  
1-59 or provider policies and procedures regarding retention of patient  
1-60 billing information.

1-61 SECTION 2. Section 185.003, Health and Safety Code, is

