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# Hospital Price Transparency (SB 1137) Required Information Including Statutory Citations

### List of Standard Charges – Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) §327.003

- Facility List of Standard Charges Website Link:
  - ✓ Displayed in a prominent location on or linked from the publicly accessible facility (location specific) homepage HSC §327.003(e)
  - ✓ Applicable by location of the facility (ex. Two facilities under one license must have separate lists of standard charges) HSC§327.003(e)
  - ✓ A single digital file that is a machine-readable format HSC §§327.003(d)
  - ✓ Updated at least annually, including date of revision HSC §327.003(h)
  - ✓ Applicable for all services and charges:
    - Gross charge HSC §327.003(c)(2)(A)
    - De-identified minimum negotiated charge HSC §327.003(c)(2)(B)
    - De-identified maximum negotiated charge HSC §327.003(c)(2)(C)
    - Discounted cash price HSC §327.003(c)(2)(D)
    - Payor specific negotiated charge HSC §327.003(c)(2)(E)
  - ✓ Each facility item or service includes any code used by the facility for accounting or billing (Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code, the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) code, the National Drug Code (NDC), or other common identifier) HSC §327.003(c)(3)
  - ✓ List of Standard Charges is available free of charge without having to establish an account or password, without having to submit personal information, and without having to overcome any impediment including a code to access the list HSC §327.003(f)(1)-(4)
  - ✓ Use the following naming convention specified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), specifically: <ein>\_<facility-name>\_standardcharges.[json|xml|csv] HSC §327.003(f)(5)

## Consumer-Friendly List of Shoppable Services – HSC §327.004

Note: The price estimator tool can be used to meet the requirement of HSC §327.004 (shoppable services).

- Facility-specific Consumer-Friendly List of Shoppable Services Website Link:
  - ✓ At least 300 shoppable services provided by the facility including the 70 shoppable services prescribed by CMS if the facility performs these HSC §327.004(a)-(c)
    - If the facility provides less than 300 shoppable services, the list must include all shoppable services it does provide – HSC §327.004(c)

- ✓ Description of service plain language (ex. Colonoscopy, hip replacement, etc.) HSC §327.004(d)(1)(A)
- ✓ Applicable to each shoppable service included on the list and any ancillary service:
  - Payor specific negotiated charge HSC §327.004(d)(1)(B)
  - Gross charge HSC §327.004(d)(1)(C)
  - Discounted cash price (if facility does not offer a discounted cash price, the gross charge) – HSC §327.004(d)(1)(C)
  - De-identified minimum negotiated charge HSC §327.004(d)(1)(D)
  - De-identified maximum negotiated charge HSC §327.004(d)(1)(E)
- ✓ Each service includes any code used by the facility for accounting or billing (CPT, HCPCS, DRG, NDC, or other common identifier) HSC §327.004(d)(1)(F)
- ✓ Displayed in a prominent location on or linked from the facility (location specific) homepage HSC §327.004(e)(1)
- ✓ Consumer-friendly List of Shoppable Services is available free of charge without having to register or establish a user account or password, without having to submit personal identifying information, and without having to overcome any impediment including entering a code to access the list HSC §327.004(e)(2)
- ✓ List is searchable by service description, billing code, and payor HSC §327.004(e)(3)
- ✓ Updated at least annually, including date of revision HSC §327.004(e)(4)
- ✓ Be accessible to a common commercial operator of an Internet search engine to the extent necessary for the search engine to index the list and display the list as a result in response to a search query of a user of the search engine and formatted in a manner prescribed by HHSC HSC §327.004(e)(5)-(6)

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## Price estimator tool - HSC §327.004(f)

- Facility Price Estimator Tool Website Link:
  - ✓ Provides a cost estimate for each shoppable service and any ancillary service for at least 300 shoppable services – including the 70 shoppable services prescribed by CMS if the facility performs these – HSC §327.004(f)(1)
    - If the facility provides less than 300 shoppable services, the list must include all shoppable services it does provide – HSC §327.004(f)(1)
  - ✓ Allows a person to obtain an estimate of the amount the person will be obligated to pay the facility if the person elects to use the facility to provide the service – HSC §327.004(f)(2)
  - ✓ Displayed in a prominent location on or linked from the facility homepage HSC §327.004(f)(3)(A)
  - ✓ Accessible to the public without having to register or establish a user account or password and without charge – HSC §327.004(f)(3)(B)

## For statutory definitions see <a href="HSC \{\)327.001</a>.