

2.1 (a) "Health care provider" has the meaning given in section 62J.03, subdivision
2.2 8, but does not include a "housing with services establishment," as defined in section
2.3 144D.01, subdivision 4; an entity providing assisted living services, as described in section
2.4 144G.01; or an entity licensed as a boarding care home under sections 144.50 to 144.56.

2.5 (b) "Medical debt information" means any information relating to the payment
2.6 history or indebtedness of a patient regarding health care services, products, or devices
2.7 provided by a health care provider to a patient.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Prohibited conduct.** A health care provider shall not disclose an individual
2.9 patient's financial or medical debt information to another entity.

2.10 A health care provider shall not obtain or use information from any entity that
2.11 gathers, maintains, evaluates, or distributes individual patient financial or debt information
2.12 until after health care services, products, or devices have been provided by the health
2.13 care provider to the patient.

2.14 Subd. 6. **General exclusions.** Nothing in this section prevents a health care
2.15 provider from sharing an individual patient's financial or medical debt information with
2.16 the patient; the patient's insurer; the patient's authorized third-party debt management
2.17 services provider as defined in section 332A.02; a third-party debt collector as defined
2.18 in section 332.31, that the health care provider has contracted to collect the patient's
2.19 medical debt; an attorney, accountant, or auditor employed by or acting on behalf of the
2.20 health care provider; or the local, county, state, or federal government as required by law.
2.21 Nothing in this section prevents a health care provider from disclosing a court judgment
2.22 obtained by the provider. Nothing in this section prevents a health care provider from
2.23 discussing payment options or insurance coverage with a patient. This section only applies
2.24 to medically necessary health care services, products, or devices and not to cosmetic
2.25 procedures without any medical necessity.

2.26 Subd. 7. **Severability clause.** Each provision of this section is severable.
2.27 Application of any provision in this section to a particular circumstance is severable. If
2.28 any provision of this section or application of a provision of this section is found to be
2.29 contrary to law and unenforceable, the remaining provisions and applications of this
2.30 section shall remain valid and enforceable under section 645.20.

2.31 Subd. 8. **Enforcement.** This section may be enforced pursuant to section 8.31.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.