

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 548  
HOUSE BILL 1088

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT  
IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-26(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Hospital Fees. – Payment for medical compensation rendered by a hospital participating in the State ~~Plan~~ Plan, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be equal to the payment the hospital receives for the same treatment and services under the State ~~Plan~~ Plan, provided that such payment with respect to inpatient hospital services shall not be less than ninety percent (90%) nor more than one hundred percent (100%) of the hospital's itemized charges as shown on the UB-92 claim form. A hospital's itemized charges on the UB-92 claim form for workers' compensation services shall be the same as itemized charges for like services for all other payors during the period from April 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. Payment for a particular type of medical compensation that is not covered under the State Plan shall be based on the allowable charge under the State Plan for comparable services or treatment, as determined by the Commission. Each hospital subject to the provisions of this subsection shall be reimbursed the amount provided for in this subsection unless it has agreed under contract with the ~~insurer or insurer,~~ managed care organization or employer to accept a different amount or reimbursement methodology."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective April 1, 1996, and applies to hospital inpatient admissions occurring on or after that date. This act expires on June 30, 1997, and its expiration applies to all hospital inpatient admissions occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of May, 1996.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives