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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 2/21/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB512Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute 

Agency Name

and Code

HCA-630

Number:

Sponsor: Sen LopezShort Surprise Billing Act Changes

Title:

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Not known  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: Not known

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Senate Bill 512 (SB512) would amend the Surprise Billing Protection Act to change the method for calculating health care provider reimbursement.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Health Care Authority (HCA).

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SB512 resets the benchmark for balance billing, which could result in higher balance bills for patients.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the HCA.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the HCA.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None known.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for the HCA.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for the HCA.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None suggested.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None suggested