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# **Senate Bill 1137**

## **Hospital Price Transparency**

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# Senate Bill 1137 Overview

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Senate Bill (SB) 1137 added **Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 327**, which requires a hospital licensed under HSC Chapter 241 to prominently display a list or have a dedicated link to a list of all standard charges for hospital items and services on the home page of the hospital's website.



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- SB 1137 requires general and special hospitals to maintain a chargemaster, which is a list of all facility items or services for which the facility has established a charge.
- The list must be publicly available, consumer-friendly, and contain standard charges for at least 300 shoppable services.



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- SB 1137 requires the chargemaster and list of shoppable services meet certain accessibility requirements, and hospitals must submit the required list to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- SB 1137 authorizes HHSC to impose an administrative penalty on a hospital for each violation of HSC Chapter 327 requirements.



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## Implementation Activities

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- A Guidance Letter 21-2008 was published on February 3, 2022.
- HHSC is working on developing rules to implement the bill's provisions in the hospital rules at 25 TAC Chapter 133.
- HHSC issued compliance letters notifying hospitals of their SB 1137 compliance status.
  - All hospitals are expected to come into compliance by May 24, 2022.



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# Summary

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**HHSC continues to work on implementing all of SB 1137's provisions.**

- These actions include:
  - Publishing a guidance letter to the HHSC website
  - Issuing letters indicating all hospitals' compliance status, and
  - Drafting rules to implement SB 1137's provisions



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# Questions?

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