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HOUSE BILL

**1347**

AN ACT                   relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Cushman, Hills. 2; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 1; Rep. Aron, Sull. 7; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15; Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE:       Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill exempts membership-based health care facilities from the adoption of certain policies relative to access to care and financial assistance plans. The bill requires membership-based hospitals with emergency departments to prominently post notices that the facility serves members only.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                      Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                      relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Policies Required for Health Facilities and  
2 Special Health Care Service Licenses. Amend RSA 151:2-f to read as follows:

3            151:2-f Policies Required for Health Facilities and Special Health Care Service Licenses.

4            ***I. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph II,*** every facility licensed under RSA  
5 151:2, I(a) or (d) and every person holding a special health care service license under RSA 151:2-e  
6 shall:

7            ~~[I.]~~**(a)** Adopt and enforce a written policy to assure that the facility provides its services to  
8 all persons who require the services the facility provides regardless of the source of payment for the  
9 services provided to any person;

10           ~~[II.]~~**(b)** Adopt, publicize, and apply an assistance plan for persons who are uninsured or who  
11 do not have the financial resources to pay for the facility's services due to financial hardship;

12           ~~[III.]~~**(c)** Provide data to the commissioner of the department of health and human services  
13 regarding the volume, cost and outcomes of services provided in the facility; and

14           ~~[IV.]~~**(d)** Pay fees under RSA 151:2-e, III to the commissioner of the department to cover the  
15 costs of administering the licensing of special health care services, the administration of the quality  
16 and patient safety requirements of this section, and the collection and analysis of the data collected  
17 under this section.

18           ***II. Subparagraphs I(a) and (b) shall not apply to facilities that operate on a***  
19 ***membership-based business model. Any hospital that has an emergency department and***  
20 ***operates on a membership-based business model shall post a highly visible notice on its***  
21 ***signs and entryways that the facility serves members only.***

22           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after passage.