

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7015**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1335

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2026

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Nonprofit Hospitals.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Carbaugh

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** *Community Benefits Plan:* This bill sets forth additional requirements for a nonprofit hospital's community benefits plan (CBP). This bill requires a nonprofit hospital to spend more under the nonprofit hospital's plan than the nonprofit hospital's estimated tax exemption value. It allows the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to enforce compliance with the CBP requirements.

*Annual Plan Report:* This bill sets forth additional reporting requirements for a nonprofit hospital's annual plan report. It requires the IDOH to review the report for compliance and to verify certain reported expenditure data and allows for the assessment of a penalty for violations.

*Payment Assistance Programs:* This bill requires a nonprofit hospital to:

- (1) disclose information concerning payment assistance programs;
- (2) post signs concerning the programs in specified locations of the hospital; and
- (3) make information concerning the programs available to patients through the hospital's patient portal system.

This bill also requires a nonprofit hospital to notify a patient or the patient's representative of available payment assistance programs before beginning a collection action against the patient.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill will increase workload for the IDOH and the Department of State Revenue (DOR) regarding hospital reporting but each agency should be able to implement these requirements using existing staffing and resources. [*The IDOH's administrative expenditures are currently paid from the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund, a dedicated fund.*]

**Additional Information:** The bill requires IDOH, in consultation with the Indiana DOR, to annually:

- Review each nonprofit hospital CBP for accuracy, completeness, and compliance;
- Verify that each nonprofit hospital's community benefits expenditures are aligned with its community health needs assessment;

- Assess whether the nonprofit hospital's CBP expenditures exceed the estimated value of its property, sales, and income tax exemptions.

The IDOH currently collects and posts online Schedule H of IRS Form 990 in lieu of a CBP submitted by a nonprofit hospital. The bill adds several new elements that must be included on the CBP so IDOH will need to provide additional guidance to hospitals concerning the updated format and content requirements.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill allows IDOH to assess a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for nonprofit hospitals that do not comply with CBP requirements. The IDOH may also assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for failure to comply with the payment assistance program requirements.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Health; Department of State Revenue.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

[www.in.gov/health/cshcr/reports-on-health-care-facilities/hospital-community-benefit-reports](http://www.in.gov/health/cshcr/reports-on-health-care-facilities/hospital-community-benefit-reports).

**Fiscal Analyst:** Dhiann Kinsworthy-Blye, 317-234-1360.