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## HOSPITAL BILLINGS

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Hospital billings are notoriously inaccurate. Overcharges commonly are in the 20% or 25% range. Patients only see the insurance adjustment and blindly pay their 20% thinking they are saving money. To save 25% on a \$ 4000 bill puts \$ 1000 back in their pocket.. Perhaps more distressing are billings paid by Estate settlements and malpractice cases. Often a hospital bill in these cases follows a long period of costly hospitalization. Bills in the \$ 300 to \$ 400 thousand range are not unusual. A proper review of these bills could result in a savings to an estate lawyer or liable malpractice insurance carrier in the thousands of dollars. Instead payments are made blindly.

Is there a solution? Yes there is. Any estate lawyer who does not have a large hospital bill reviewed by a professional is giving away a large portion of the estate he or she is sworn to protect. A malpractice carrier who blindly pays a hospital bill that is inaccurate sacrifices their reserves and decreases their bottom line and contributes to increased malpractice rates in the future. We are talking about savings of over a \$ 100,000 in many cases.

As a physician who reviews hospital bills, I urge not only a review of all billings but especially those paid by estate attorneys and medical malpractice defense attorneys. Not to do so is legal malpractice based on ignorance.