

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

Date: (Filing No. H-)

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 600, L.D. 953, “An Act to Protect Maine Patients Regarding Hospital Price Transparency”

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 425 in §2150-N in the first indented paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in effect on January 1, 2023" and inserting the following: 'amended'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 425 in §2150-O in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting the following: 'Beginning July 1, 2024, a'

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 425 in §2150-O in subsection 2 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 37 and 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "purchased by a patient from or"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 425 in §2150-O in subsection 2 in the 6th line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "purchased from or"

Amend the bill in section 1 in c. 425 in §2150-O in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the last 3 lines (page 2, lines 12 to 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and pay as a penalty to the patient or patient guarantor an amount equal to the total amount of the debt"

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that compliance with the price transparency requirements for hospitals is determined based on the date that health care services are received. The amendment removes the requirement that a court must order a hospital to pay as a penalty to the patient or patient guarantor an

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 amount equal to the total amount of the medical debt. The amendment also provides that
2 enforcement of the provisions begins on July 1, 2024.

3

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

4

(See attached)