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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 701, L.D. 1105, “An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§25 is enacted to read:

25. Disclosure to enrollees of cash price. A carrier may not prohibit a provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services. For the purposes of this subsection, "discounted cash price" means:

A. With respect to a hospital, the discounted cash price as that term is defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 180.20 if the hospital has a discounted cash price and does not mean the amount charged to individuals who are eligible for free care or are eligible for the amounts charged pursuant to a hospital's financial assistance policy;
or

B. With respect to a provider that is not a hospital, the charge that applies to an enrollee who is paying for a health care service without filing any claim with a carrier.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits a health insurance carrier from prohibiting a health care provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT