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An Act To Require Timely Billing for Health Care Services

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLIER of Buxton and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock,
MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-G** is enacted to read:

3 **§1718-G. Prohibition on billing for late billing statements**

4 A health care entity, as defined in section 1718-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, is
5 prohibited from charging a patient for health care services it provided when a billing
6 statement has not been provided to the patient within 6 months of the date health care
7 services were rendered to the patient.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill prohibits a health care practitioner or facility from charging a patient when a
10 billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received the
11 services.