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Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

‘Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §8705-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Exception. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 3, 4 and 5, the board or the Attorney General may not assess fines, initiate enforcement actions or seek injunctive relief against a payor that has submitted claims data for any billing provider data element contained in a claim furnished by the billing provider or for any service provider data element when associated with the billing provider elements or that fails to meet the thresholds for the data elements related to billing providers established by the organization or the Maine Health Data Processing Center under the requirements of Title 10, section 682. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2011.’

Amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 2A by striking out all of paragraph B (page 4, lines 29 to 32 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

‘Sec. 11. Working group. The Maine Health Data Organization shall convene a working group including representatives of health care providers, health coverage carriers and other interested parties to resolve issues regarding submission of data concerning service and billing providers and to present a plan of action and implementation schedule to provide the data to the Maine Health Data Organization in a timely and accurate fashion. The working group must be cochaired by one person chosen by the providers and one person chosen by the carriers. By November 15, 2010, the working group shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with a plan to resolve the service and provider issues and with an implementation schedule.’

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

SUMMARY

This amendment prohibits the Board of Directors of the Maine Health Data Organization and the Attorney General from assessing fines, initiating enforcement actions or seeking injunctive relief against a payor that has submitted claims data for any billing provider data element contained in the claim furnished by the provider or any service provider data element when associated with the billing provider elements, or that has failed to meet the thresholds for these data elements. This provision is repealed July 1, 2011. The amendment establishes a working group to work on issues regarding submission of data to the Maine Health Data Organization. By November 15, 2010, the working group must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with a plan to resolve the service and provider issues and with an implementation schedule. This amendment deletes language in the bill that relates to requirements for an undisputed claim.