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<u>SB 1070</u>: virtual credit cards; payment method Sponsor: Senator Shope, LD 16 Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Mandates health insurers to accept tangible checks as payment and includes a stipulation relating to opting out of a payment method.

<u>History</u>

Pursuant to A.R.S. § <u>20-241</u>, any contract between a health insurer and a health care provider that is issued, amended or renewed beginning January 1, 2020, to provide services to enrollees cannot restrict the acceptable method of payments to only credit cards. If the health insurer changes the payment method to using electronic funds transfers, the insurer must: 1) notify the provider of any associated fees; 2) advise the provider of the available payment methods and how to select an alternative payment method; and 3) remit or associate with each payment the explanation of benefits.

Provisions

- 1. Requires health insurers to accept tangible checks as a form of acceptable payment. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Stipulates a health care provider's decision to opt out of a method of payment remains in effect until the provider opts back into the prior method of payment or a new contract is executed. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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