

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 33



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 38a of the general statutes be amended to provide that no 2 contract entered into or renewed between a health carrier and a health 3 care provider shall contain a provision: (1) Requiring the health care 4 provider to collect from an insured any coinsurance, copayment, 5 deductible or other out-of-pocket expense due and owing for a covered 6 benefit that the health care provider provided to the insured; or (2) 7 permitting the health carrier to reduce any payment to the health care 8 provider due to an insured's nonpayment or partial payment of any 9 coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense due 10 and owing for a covered benefit that the health care provider provided 11 to the insured.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit a health carrier from: (1) Requiring a contracting health care provider to collect any cost-sharing payment due and owing from an insured for a covered benefit that the health care provider provided to the insured; and (2) reducing any payment to a contracting health care

provider due to an insured's nonpayment or partial payment of the insured's cost-sharing liability for a covered benefit that the health care provider provided to the insured.