

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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January 29, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-017 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 3 and substitute "(13) as".
- 2 Page 2, line 10, strike "THAT" and substitute "THAT, FOR SOME PROVIDERS WITH SMALLER REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS BEING DISPUTED,".
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- 4 Page 2, strike lines 12 through 16 and substitute:

5        "(B) BECAUSE THE COST OF ARBITRATION EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT  
6        OF THE UNDERPAID CLAIM, THIS PROCESS PARTICULARLY IMPACTS  
7        SMALLER PROVIDER GROUPS;".
- 8 Page 3, line 13, after "UNDERPAYMENT;" insert "AND".
- 9 Page 3, strike lines 14 through 24 and substitute:

10        "(E) BECAUSE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE WHEN  
11        A PATIENT'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN IS GOVERNED BY STATE LAW SO THE  
12        PROVIDER IS ABLE TO DETERMINE IN WHICH JURISDICTION THE PROVIDER  
13        MAY APPEAL.".
- 14 Page 3, line 26, strike "AND SUBSECTIONS (14) AND (16) OF THIS SECTION".
- 15 Page 4, line 6, strike "WHETHER" and substitute "WHEN".
- 16 Page 4, line 7, strike "LAW OR FEDERAL LAW;" and substitute "LAW;".
- 17 Page 4, line 7, after "LAW;" insert "AND".

- 1 Page 4, line 12, strike "NONCOMPLIANCE; AND" and substitute
- 2 "NONCOMPLIANCE.".
- 3 Page 4, strike lines 13 through 16.
- 4 Page 4, line 24, after the period add "DATA SUBMITTED BY A CARRIER
- 5 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (13)(b) IS PROPRIETARY, A TRADE SECRET,
- 6 AND CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(IV).".
- 7 Page 4, line 26, strike "WHEN" and substitute "BEGINNING JANUARY 1,
- 8 2027, WHEN".
- 9 Page 5, line 2, strike "WHETHER" and substitute "WHEN".
- 10 Page 5, line 3, strike "OR THE" and substitute "AND THAT THE PAYMENT
- 11 WAS MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d) OR (5.5)(b) OF THIS
- 12 SECTION.".
- 13 Page 5, strike line 4.
- 14 Page 5, line 13, after "SECTION;" insert "AND".
- 15 Page 5, line 15, strike "10-16-106.5; AND" and substitute "10-16.106.5.".
- 16 Page 5, strike lines 16 through 27.
- 17 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 15.

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