



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 177

LCO No. 5074

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIONS BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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

1 (NEW) No health care provider may commence collection
2 proceedings against any patient for unpaid fees for services rendered
3 to such patient, if such patient is an insured under a health insurance
4 policy or an enrollee under a managed care plan, until such time as the
5 patient has exhausted the internal appeal or grievance process
6 provided by the insurer, managed care organization or utilization
7 review company and the external appeal process established under
8 section 38a-478n of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To require health care providers to complete all the internal and external appeals processes a patient's insurer may have prior to beginning collection proceedings against the patient.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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