



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 177**

*January Session, 2001*

**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: (1) If such patient is an insured under a health  
4 insurance policy or an enrollee under a managed care plan and files an  
5 appeal or grievance pursuant to the internal appeal or grievance  
6 process provided by the insurer, managed care organization or  
7 utilization review company or the external appeal process established  
8 under section 38a-478n of the general statutes; and (2) during the  
9 period commencing on the date such appeal or grievance is filed and  
10 ending ninety calendar days after such date or on the date such appeal  
11 or grievance is denied, whichever is later. Such patient shall furnish  
12 the health care provider with proof of the filing of such appeal or  
13 grievance.

**PH** *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**JUD** *Joint Favorable*