



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5798

LCO No. 4441

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DENIAL OF MEDICAL SERVICES DUE TO BILLING DISPUTES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) No health care provider
2 shall deny health care services to a patient due to a billing discrepancy
3 or dispute between the health care provider and the patient's health
4 insurer. For purposes of this section, "health care provider" has the
5 same meaning as provided in section 19a-17b of the general statutes
6 and "health care services" has the same meaning as provided in section
7 38a-479aa of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit health care providers from denying health care services to a patient because of a billing dispute between the health care provider and the patient's health insurer.

[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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