



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5308

LCO No. 827

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN
HEALTH INSURERS AND PHYSICIANS.***

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

1 That chapter 700c of the general statutes be amended to (1) require
2 that contracts between managed care organizations or preferred
3 provider networks and physicians include provisions that: (A) Provide
4 an explanation of the physician payment methodology, the time
5 periods for physician payments, the information to be relied on to
6 calculate payments and adjustments and the process to be relied on to
7 resolve disputes concerning physician payments; and (B) require that
8 managed care organizations or preferred provider networks provide to
9 each participating physician a complete copy of all current procedural
10 terminology codes and all current reimbursements for such codes that
11 determine the physician's reimbursement for the entire contract
12 period; and (2) prohibit provisions in such contracts that allow
13 managed care organizations or preferred provider networks to
14 unilaterally change any term or provision of the agreed-upon contract.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent health insurers from changing the terms of a contract with a physician for the duration of the contract.