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Committee Bill No. 316

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT PROHIBITING DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT RATES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR COLONOSCOPY OR ENDOSCOPIC SERVICES BASED ON SITE OF SERVICE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Each insurer, health care
2 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or
3 fraternal benefit society that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,
4 amends or continues an individual or group health insurance policy
5 providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4),
6 (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes in this state, and
7 contracts directly with a physician or physician group or physician
8 organization to provide medical services under such policy shall, at
9 such contracted physician's or physician's group's or physician's
10 organization's request, establish a payment amount for the physician's
11 professional services component of colonoscopy or endoscopic services
12 covered under such policy, that is the same regardless of where the
13 physician's professional services are performed. Such payment amount
14 for the physician's professional services shall not be less than the
15 amount that would otherwise be paid to such contracted physician or
16 physician group or physician organization if the services are

17 performed at a facility other than an outpatient surgical facility, as
18 defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes. Nothing in this
19 section shall prohibit a contracted physician or physician group or
20 physician organization from agreeing to a different payment
21 methodology for colonoscopy or endoscopic services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the use of differential payment rates based on site of service for a physician's professional services component of colonoscopy or endoscopic services.

[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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