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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 480

TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE CONTRACTING SIMPLIFICATION ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT
ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES BY A HEALTHCARE INSURER.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 480

Amend Senate Bill No. 480 as engrossed, S3/14/19 (version: 03/14/2019 09:58:21 AM)

Page 4, line 19, delete "subsection (c)" and substitute "subsections (b) and (d)"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 28 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) This section does not prohibit a contracting entity from:
(A) Offering a healthcare provider a contract that covers multiple health benefit plans that have the same reimbursement rates and other financial terms for the healthcare provider;

(B) Adding a new health benefit plan to an existing healthcare contract with a healthcare provider under the same reimbursement rates and other financial terms applicable under the original healthcare contract; or

(C) Requiring a healthcare provider to accept multiple health benefit plans that do not differ in reimbursement rates or other financial terms for the healthcare provider.

(2) A healthcare contract may include health benefit plans or coverage options for enrollees within a health benefit plan with different cost-sharing structures, including different deductibles or copayments, as long as the reimbursement rates and other financial terms between the contracting entity and the healthcare provider remain the same for each plan or coverage option included in the healthcare contract.

(3) This section does not authorize a healthcare provider to:
(A) Opt out of providing services to an enrollee of a particular health benefit plan after the healthcare provider has entered into a valid contract under this section to provide the services; or

(B) Refuse to disclose the provider networks or health benefit plans in which the healthcare provider participates."

AND



Page 5, delete lines 1 through 9

AND

Page 5, line 10, delete "(e)(1)" and substitute "(c)(1)"

AND

Page 5, line 16, delete "(f)" and substitute "(d)"

AND

Page 6, delete lines 16 through 21, and substitute the following:

"(3) The notice shall contain sufficient information about the amendment to allow a healthcare provider to assess the financial impact, if any, of the amendment.

(b) A notice described under subdivision (a)(1) of this section is not required for a material amendment resulting solely from a change in a fee schedule or code set if:

(1) The fee schedule or code set is published by the federal government or another third party; and

(2) The terms of the healthcare contract expressly states that the healthcare provider's compensation or claims submission is based on the fee schedule or code set."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Irvin

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