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Proposed Amendment to AB261

In sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the bill:

- 1. Amend subsection 2(a) to specify that, for the patient to continue to obtain treatment, the patient must be undergoing an active course of treatment that is medically necessary and, by agreement of the doctor and the patient, it must be desirable to maintain the continuity of care.
- 2. Amend subsection 2(b) to specify that, for the doctor to receive reimbursement, the doctor must agree to accept the same reimbursement rate and the same contract terms with regard to this patient as applied to the doctor before the contact was terminated.
- 3. Also amend subsection 2(b) to specify that, for the doctor to receive reimbursement, the doctor must agree not to seek or accept payment from the patient of any amounts for which the doctor could not obtain payment if the doctor were still under contract with the insurer.
- 4. Amend subsection 3(a) to change "180th day" to "120th day".
- 5. Amend subsection 4(a) to change "incompetence or misconduct" to "medical incompetence or professional misconduct".