
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 70—ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Limits certain fees which providers of health services that accept insurance payments may collect from patients. (BDR 40-33)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to providers of health services; limiting certain fees which providers of health services that accept insurance payments may collect from patients; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. *If a practitioner or health facility:*
4 (a) *Has entered into a written agreement to accept any*
5 *payment or reimbursement from an insurer of a patient for the*
6 *provision of any health services to the patient, the practitioner or*
7 *health facility shall not, except as otherwise provided in this*
8 *paragraph or another specific statute, collect or seek to collect*
9 *from the patient any fees or costs relating to the particular health*
10 *services for which the practitioner or health facility agreed to*
11 *accept payment or reimbursement from the insurer. This*
12 *paragraph does not prohibit a practitioner or health facility from*
13 *collecting or seeking to collect from a patient:*
14 (1) *Any copayment, deductible or coinsurance required by*
15 *the insurer of the patient; or*
16 (2) *Any amount of the payment or reimbursement the*
17 *practitioner or health facility agreed to accept from the insurer of*



1 *the patient which, as the result of the failure of the patient to*
2 *obtain any preauthorization or to take any other action required*
3 *by the insurer, the insurer is not obligated to provide.*

4 *(b) Has not entered into a written agreement to accept any*
5 *payment or reimbursement from an insurer of a patient for the*
6 *provision of a particular health service to the patient, the*
7 *practitioner or health facility shall, whenever practicable, except*
8 *in an emergency, inform the patient of that fact before providing*
9 *that service.*

10 *2. For the purposes of this section:*

11 *(a) "Health services" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
12 *NRS 439A.017.*

13 *(b) "Insurer" means any person or state or local governmental*
14 *entity that, pursuant to any written agreement, pays or reimburses*
15 *any fees or costs for the provision of any health services to an*
16 *insured.*

