CHAPTER 308

INSURANCE

SENATE BILL 10-183

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF A STATUTORY PROHIBITION ON BALANCE BILLING OF CERTAIN CHARGES FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Repeal. 10-16-704 (3) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

10-16-704. Network adequacy - rules - legislative declaration. (3) (c) (I) This subsection (3) is repealed, effective July 1, 2010. Prior to such repeal, the division shall conduct an evaluation to include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) The effects of this subsection (3) on network adequacy;

(B) The frequency that nonparticipating providers submit more than network reimbursement rates for services rendered in an in-network facility compared to the carrier's book of business for that line of insurance;

(C) The amounts paid by carriers to nonparticipating providers; and

(D) The impact of this subsection (3) on consumers.

(II) The division shall complete the evaluation on or before January 15, 2010, and shall report its findings to the senate health and human services committee and the house of representatives business affairs and labor committee, or any successor committees. The legislative staff for such committees shall notify the committee chairs of the expectation of the evaluation and the repeal of this subsection (3) on or before July 1, 2009.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.
SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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