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DIGEST

Present law prohibits a contracted health care provider from discount billing, dual billing or attempting to collect from an insured any amount in excess of the contracted reimbursement rate for covered health care expenses. Further prohibits a health care provider from the collection from an insured any amounts other than those representing coinsurance, copayments, deductibles, noncovered or noncontracted health care services.

Present law gives a health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service that furnishes services or supplies to any injured person a privilege on net proceeds collected by the injured person from a third party or its insurer.

Proposed law retains present law and further stipulates that nothing in present law shall be construed to prohibit a contracted health care provider from the enforcement of his rights to the privilege on net proceeds collected from a third party or its insurer pursuant to present law.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 22:1874(A))