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Abramson HB No. 601

Abstract: Prohibits healthcare providers from refusing to submit a claim to an insurer under certain circumstances.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a provider of healthcare services from refusing to submit a claim to the patient's insurer or refusing to provide treatment unless the patient agrees to pay the claim in full should the patient's insurer deny payment for the claim.

<u>Proposed law</u> does not preclude a provider from requiring an insured to pay for healthcare services directly to the provider if the claim is denied but the services are not yet provided but still requested by the insured.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines terms "healthcare services", "health insurance coverage", and "health insurance issuer".

(Adds R.S. 22:1827)