HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 198 by Representative Echols

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1	schedules and the ability to provide data and analysis to inform regulatory decisions
2	have the authority to collect the information and data necessary to calculate the
3	reimbursement schedule. The collection of information and data shall be governed
4	by the following guidelines:
5	(a) The assistant secretary shall create a written survey detailing the
6	information requested.
7	(b) The survey shall be managed by the office of workers' compensation
8	administration in conjunction with an academic institution.
9	(c) The information requested shall be based upon data at least six months
10	old.
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- (e) No individual health care provider's data shall represent more than twenty-five percent on a weighted basis of each statistic.
- (f) Any information disseminated shall be sufficiently aggregated such that it will not allow recipients to identify the prices charged or compensation paid by any particular health care providers.
- (3) All information collected <u>or relied upon</u> pursuant to <u>Paragraph (2) of</u> this Subsection shall be confidential and privileged, shall not be public record, and shall not be subject to subpoena. Such confidentiality shall be strictly maintained by the assistant secretary, all employees of the office, and by the academic institution and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promulgating the workers' compensation reimbursement schedule. Whoever violates this Paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than five hundred dollars for each offense."

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