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SENATE BILL 10-183

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Prior case law interpreting Colorado's health insurance statutes had allowed "balance billing" for increased charges of out-of-network providers working in in-network facilities without the prior knowledge or consent of insured patients. The general assembly legislatively overruled

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that interpretation, subject to future review and repeal. The bill continues indefinitely the requirement that health insurers hold consumers harmless for charges over and above the in-network rates for services rendered in an in-network facility.

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

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3 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

4 **10-16-704. Network adequacy - rules - legislative declaration.**

5 ~~(3) (c) (I) This subsection (3) is repealed, effective July 1, 2010. Prior~~
6 ~~to such repeal, the division shall conduct an evaluation to include, but not~~
7 ~~be limited to, the following:~~

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

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.