



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 405

LCO No. 2313



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING DOWNCODING OF HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Each insurer, health care
2 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
3 preferred provider network or other entity that enters into, renews or
4 amends a contract with a health care provider on or after July 1, 2025, to
5 provide health benefits to insureds or enrollees in this state shall include
6 in such contract a provision that prohibits such insurer, health care
7 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
8 preferred provider network or other entity from downcoding any health
9 benefit claim submitted by a health care provider. For the purposes of
10 this section, "downcoding" means any adjustment of a health benefit
11 claim by any insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation,
12 medical service corporation, preferred provider network or other entity
13 to a less complex or lower cost billing code in order to provide a lower
14 reimbursement to a health care provider for such health benefit claim
15 than is required for the actual service performed pursuant to such
16 contract between such health care provider and such entity.

17 "Downcoding" includes, but is not limited to, the use of remark codes.

18 (b) The Insurance Commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit health insurance carriers from downcoding health benefit claims to avoid reimbursing health care providers for the actual service performed.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]