

HB 756 -- OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTH CARE

SPONSOR: Pfautsch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Insurance Policy by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 0.

Currently, utilizing the unanticipated out-of-network process is optional. This bill requires health care professionals to utilize the process outlined in statute for claims for charges for unanticipated out-of-network care.

This bill is the same as SB 103 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is necessary for transparency purposes. If you go to a hospital that is in your health care plan then everything should be treated like in-network for your health insurance coverage. People often get bills for out of network from physicians that work in the hospital and this is a lot more expensive.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pfautsch; America's Health Insurance Plans, Missouri Insurance Coalition; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Hospital Association; Nicole Lynch, Empower Missouri; Missouri Healthcare For All; and the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.