

HB 2087 -- REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

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Current law requires that if a health carrier initiates or changes the method used to reimburse a health care provider to a method that requires the provider to pay a fee or remit some other form of remuneration, the carrier must notify the provider of the cost, provide clear instructions as to how to select an alternative payment method, and use that alternative method if requested by the provider.

This bill requires the health carrier or entity acting on its behalf to first receive approval from the health care provider before reimbursing the health care provider with such payment method.

If a health carrier is currently reimbursing a health care provider with a payment method, the health care provider can send one notice to the health carrier for all the health care provider's patients covered by such health carrier stating that the health care provider declines to be reimbursed with a payment method.

The notice will remain in effect for the duration of the contract unless the health care provider requests otherwise. All payments made by the health carrier to the health care provider after receipt of the notice declining to be reimbursed with a payment method cannot require the health care provider to pay a fee, discount the amount of the provider's claim for reimbursement, or remit any other form of remuneration in order to redeem the amount of the provider's claim for reimbursement.