

HB 309 -- HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

SPONSOR: Black

This bill establishes the "Patients First Act".

The bill prohibits a group health plan or health issuance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage from discriminating with respect to participation under the plan or coverage against any health care provider who is acting within the scope of the provider's license or certificate.

The health benefit plan cannot discriminate against a health care provider based on the provider's licensure with respect to reimbursement or participation in any plan or insurance program.

This bill requires a health care provider to be reimbursed at the same rate for the same service as long as the service is within the provider's scope of practice.

This bill is similar to HB 2733 (2024).