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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 580, L.D. 1624, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Quality Psychological Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2335, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §2, is amended to read:

**§2335. Selective contracting authorized**

Nonprofit service organizations may enter into contracts with a limited number of preferred providers. In selecting preferred providers, nonprofit service organizations may consider, among other factors, price differences between or among providers, geographic accessibility, specialization, quality of service and projected utilization by beneficiaries and insureds. A provider may not be required to meet licensing standards other than the requirements for state licensure. Selective contracting does not constitute unreasonable discrimination against or among providers.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2672, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §4, is amended to read:

**§2672. Selective contracting authorized**

Insurers or administrators may enter into contracts with a limited number of preferred providers. In selecting preferred

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providers, insurers or administrators may consider, among other factors, price differences between or among providers, geographic accessibility, specialization, quality of care and projected utilization by beneficiaries and insureds. A provider may not be required to meet licensing standards other than the requirements for state licensure. Selective contracting does not constitute unreasonable discrimination against or among providers.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

Allowing licensed health care providers to be eligible for 3rd-party reimbursement for reimbursable services will increase the cost of the State's employee health insurance program by approximately \$15,400 annually. An increase of this size will not appreciably affect the employer costs of the health insurance program.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment adds quality of care to the list of factors, among others, that may be considered in selective contracting in health care. It substitutes licensing standards for credentials in the provision regarding state licensure.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.