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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 433, L.D. 600, Bill, "An Act To Save the Health Care System Money by Ensuring Timely Denials of Claims"

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

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A claimant, including a health care provider, may submit simultaneously a claim for payment with all carriers potentially liable for payment of the claim whether primary or secondary. Payment or denial of a claim by each carrier must be made within 30 calendar days after the carrier has received all information needed to pay or deny the claim whether or not another carrier with which it is attempting to coordinate has acted on the claim. Any payment made must be in accordance with rules adopted by the superintendent relative to coordination of benefits.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that in cases where coverage may be available from more than one carrier, a claimant may file a claim with each carrier at the same time. It also clarifies that each carrier must make an independent determination as to payment or denial of the claim without delaying that determination until the other carrier has acted. The amendment also requires that any payments made by a carrier must be made in accordance with current rules relating to coordination of benefits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT