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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 830,  
L.D. 1205, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Health Care Bill of Rights"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 11 to 14 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. A-1. 24-A MRSA §2809-A, sub-§1-A, ¶B-2 is enacted to read:

B-2. All notices of cancellation sent to certificate holders pursuant to paragraph B-1 must include a toll-free telephone number that certificate holders can call to determine if the policy has been cancelled for nonpayment of premium or if the policy has been reinstated because the premium has been paid.'

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, line 38 and page 2, lines 1 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. A-4. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Explanation of benefits. A carrier offering an individual expense-incurred health plan to residents of this State or an expense-incurred group health plan to an employer in this State shall provide individual policyholders and group certificate holders with clear written explanations of benefit documents in response to the filing of any claim providing for coverage of hospital or medical expenses. The explanation of benefits must include all of the following information:

A. The date of service;

B. The provider of the service;

C. An identification of the service for which the claim is made;

D. Any amount the insured is obligated to pay under the policy for copayment or coinsurance;

E. A telephone number and address where the insured may obtain clarification of the explanation of benefits;

F. A notice of appeal rights; and

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1 4. It limits the requirement that a carrier replacing a previous carrier honor any prior  
2 authorizations for prescription drugs to a period not to exceed 6 months.

3 5. It corrects a conflict involving the section concerning the subject of the filing of  
4 rate information created by Public Law 2009, chapters 14 and 244 by incorporating the  
5 changes made in those laws with the changes proposed in Committee Amendment "A."

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