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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 701, L D. 1105, "An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§25 is enacted to read

25. Disclosure to enrollees of cash price. A carrier may not prohibit a provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services For the purposes of this subsection, "discounted cash price" means

A With respect to a hospital, the discounted cash price as that term is defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 180.20 if the hospital has a discounted cash price and does not mean the amount charged to individuals who are eligible for free care or are eligible for the amounts charged pursuant to a hospital's financial assistance policy, or

B With respect to a provider that is not a hospital, the charge that applies to an enrollee who is paying for a health care service without filing any claim with a carrier'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits a health insurance carrier from prohibiting a health care provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**