

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001 to specify that a health maintenance organization that has a contractual obligation to provide health care services to persons enrolled in the D.C. HealthCare Alliance is required to provide Alliance enrollees only with the health benefits specified in the health maintenance organization's contract with the District, and that health maintenance organizations or health insurers under contract to the District to deliver services to persons enrolled in the Alliance are not required to reimburse non-participating hospitals for services provided to Alliance enrollees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Health Care Privatization Benefit and Reimbursement Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2006".

Sec. 2. Section 7 of the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001, effective July 12, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-18; D.C. Official Code § 7-1405), is amended by adding new subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

Note,
§ 7-1405

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the District's health insurance laws, a health maintenance organization that has a contractual obligation to provide health care services to persons enrolled in the D.C. HealthCare Alliance ("Alliance") shall be required to provide to persons enrolled in the Alliance only those health benefits specified in its contract with the District of Columbia.

"(d) A health maintenance organization or health insurer under contract to the District to deliver services to persons enrolled in the Alliance is not required to reimburse non-participating hospitals for services provided to Alliance enrollees."

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement provided by the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review

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as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia