## SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4459

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding article 18.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 ARTICLE 18. SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING
- Sec. 24501. (1) For purposes of this article, the words and phrases defined in sections 24502 to 24504 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- 5 (2) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and 6 principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code.
- Sec. 24502. (1) "Emergency patient" means an individual with a physical or mental condition that manifests itself by acute
- 9 symptoms of sufficient severity, including, but not limited to,





- 1 pain such that a prudent layperson, possessing average knowledge of
- 2 health and medicine, could reasonably expect to result in 1 or all
- 3 of the following:

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- 4 (a) Placing the health of the individual or, in the case of a
- 5 pregnant woman, the health of the woman or the unborn child, or
- 6 both, in serious jeopardy.
  - (b) Serious impairment of bodily function.
- 8 (c) Serious dysfunction of a body organ or part.
- 9 (2) "Group health plan" means an employer program of health
- 10 benefits, including an employee welfare benefit plan as defined in
- 11 section 3(1) of subtitle A of title I of the employee retirement
- 12 income security act of 1974, Public Law 93-406, 29 USC 1002, to the
- 13 extent that the plan provides medical care, including items and
- 14 services paid for as medical care to employees or their dependents
- 15 as defined under the terms of the plan directly or through
- 16 insurance, reimbursement, or otherwise.
- 17 (3) "Health benefit plan" means a group health plan, an
- 18 individual or group expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical
- 19 policy or certificate, or an individual or group health maintenance
- 20 organization contract. Health benefit plan does not include
- 21 accident-only, credit, dental, or disability income insurance;
- 22 long-term care insurance; coverage issued as a supplement to
- 23 liability insurance; coverage only for a specified disease or
- 24 illness; worker's compensation or similar insurance; or automobile
- 25 medical-payment insurance.
- 26 (4) "Health care service" means a diagnostic procedure,
- 27 medical or surgical procedure, examination, or other treatment.
- 28 (5) "Health facility" means any of the following:
- 29 (a) A hospital.



- 1 (b) A freestanding surgical outpatient facility as that term 2 is defined in section 20104.
- 3 (c) A skilled nursing facility as that term is defined in 4 section 20109.
- 5 (d) A physician's office or other outpatient setting, that is 6 not otherwise described in this subsection.
- 7 (e) A laboratory.
- 8 (f) A radiology or imaging center.
- 9 (6) "Hospital" means that term as defined in section 20106.
- 10 Sec. 24503. (1) "Nonemergency patient" means an individual
- 11 whose physical or mental condition is such that the individual may
- 12 reasonably be suspected of not being in imminent danger of loss of
- 13 life or of significant health impairment.
- 14 (2) "Nonparticipating health facility" means a health facility
- 15 that is not a participating health facility.
- 16 (3) "Nonparticipating provider" means a provider who is not a
- 17 participating provider.
- 18 Sec. 24504. (1) "Participating health facility" means a health
- 19 facility that, under contract with an insurer that issues or
- 20 administers health benefit plans, or with the insurer's contractor
- 21 or subcontractor, has agreed to provide health care services to
- 22 individuals who are covered by health benefit plans issued or
- 23 administered by the insurer and to accept payment by the insurer,
- 24 contractor, or subcontractor for the services covered by the health
- 25 benefit plans as payment in full, other than coinsurance,
- 26 copayments, or deductibles.
- 27 (2) "Participating provider" means a provider who, under
- 28 contract with an insurer that issues or administers health benefit
- 29 plans, or with the insurer's contractor or subcontractor, has

- 1 agreed to provide health care services to individuals who are
- 2 covered by health benefit plans issued or administered by the
- 3 insurer and to accept payment by the insurer, contractor, or
- 4 subcontractor for the services covered by the health benefit plans
- 5 as payment in full, other than coinsurance, copayments, or
- 6 deductibles.
- 7 (3) "Patient's representative" means any of the following:
- 8 (a) A person to whom a nonemergency patient has given express
- 9 written consent to represent the patient.
- 10 (b) A person authorized by law to provide consent for a
- 11 nonemergency patient.
- 12 (c) A provider who is treating a nonemergency patient, but
- 13 only if the patient is unable to provide consent.
- 14 (4) "Provider" means an individual who is licensed,
- 15 registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health
- 16 profession under article 15.
- 17 Sec. 24507. (1) Subsection (2) applies to a nonparticipating
- 18 provider who is providing a health care service if any of the
- 19 following apply:
- 20 (a) The health care service is covered by an emergency
- 21 patient's health benefit plan and is provided to the emergency
- 22 patient by the nonparticipating provider at a participating health
- 23 facility or nonparticipating health facility.
- 24 (b) The health care service is covered by a nonemergency
- 25 patient's health benefit plan and is provided to the nonemergency
- 26 patient by the nonparticipating provider at a participating health
- 27 facility and either of the following applies:
- 28 (i) The nonemergency patient does not have the ability or
- 29 opportunity to choose a participating provider and has not been

- 1 provided the disclosure required under section 24509.
- 2 (ii) The only provider available to perform the health care 3 service at the facility is the nonparticipating provider.
- 4 (c) The health care service is provided by the
- 5 nonparticipating provider at a hospital that is a participating
- 6 health facility to an emergency patient who was admitted to the
- 7 hospital within 72 hours after receiving a health care service in
- 8 the hospital's emergency room.
- 9 (2) If any of the circumstances described in subsection (1)
- 10 apply, the nonparticipating provider shall accept from the
- 11 patient's insurer, as payment in full, the greater of the
- 12 following, and shall not collect or attempt to collect from the
- 13 patient any amount other than applicable coinsurance, copayment, or
- 14 deductible:
- 15 (a) Subject to section 24510, the average amount negotiated by
- 16 the patient's health benefit plan with participating providers for
- 17 the health care service provided, excluding any in-network
- 18 coinsurance, copayments, or deductibles.
- 19 (b) One hundred and fifty percent of the amount that would be
- 20 covered by Medicare for the health care service provided, excluding
- 21 any in-network coinsurance, copayments, or deductibles.
- 22 (3) If the circumstance described in subsection (1)(c)
- 23 applies, this section applies to any health care service provided
- 24 by a nonparticipating provider to the emergency patient during his
- 25 or her hospital stay.
- Sec. 24510. (1) If a nonparticipating provider believes that
- 27 the amount described in section 24507(2)(a) or 24509(5)(a) was
- 28 incorrectly calculated, the nonparticipating provider may make a
- 29 request to the director for a single review of the calculation.



- 1 (2) The director may request data on the average amount
- 2 negotiated by the patient's health benefit plan with participating
- 3 providers or any documents, materials, or other information that
- 4 the director believes is necessary to assist the director in
- 5 reviewing the calculation. If, after conducting its review, the
- 6 director determines that the amount described in section
- 7 24507(2)(a) or 24509(5)(a) was incorrectly calculated, the director
- 8 shall determine the correct amount.
- 9 (3) All of the following apply to any data, documents,
- 10 materials, or other information described in subsection (2) that
- 11 are in the possession or control of the director and that are
- 12 obtained by, created by, or disclosed to the director or any other
- 13 person for purposes of this section:
- 14 (a) The data, documents, materials, or other information is
- 15 considered proprietary and to contain trade secrets.
- 16 (b) The data, documents, materials, or other information are
- 17 confidential and privileged and are not subject to disclosure under
- 18 the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 19 (c) The data, documents, materials, or other information are
- 20 not subject to subpoena, and are not subject to discovery or
- 21 admissible in evidence in any private civil action.
- 22 (4) The director or any other person who received data,
- 23 documents, materials, or other information under this section shall
- 24 not testify in any private civil action concerning the data,
- 25 documents, materials, or information.
- 26 (5) As used in this section:
- 27 (a) "Department" means the department of insurance and
- 28 financial services.
- 29 (b) "Director" means the director of the department or his or

## 1 her designee.

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect

3 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are

4 enacted into law:

- 5 (a) House Bill No. 4460.
- 6 (b) House Bill No. 4990.
- 7 (c) House Bill No. 4991.

