

**HB 1347 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            **1347**

AN ACT                relative to health care provider networks and referrals.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Tellez, Hills. 40; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6

COMMITTEE:          Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits health care facilities from refusing referrals from independent and outside primary care providers so long as the health care facility and specialist accept the insurance of the patient, and establishes penalties for failure to comply.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                             Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                             Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT                   relative to health care provider networks and referrals.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 New Section; Health Care Referrals. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 9-b the  
2 following new section:

3           151:9-c Health Care Referrals.

4           I. No health care facility licensed under this chapter shall prohibit referrals from  
5 independent and outside primary care providers so long as the health care facility and specialist  
6 accept the insurance of the patient, pursuant to RSA 151:21, XXI.

7           II. The attorney general shall be empowered to enforce the provisions of this section. Any  
8 health care facility that violates this section shall be subject to:

9                   (a) A \$100,000 civil fine per violation.

10                   (b) Loss of nonprofit status under state law, if the health care facility is a nonprofit.

11           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.