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SENATE BILL **548-FN**

AN ACT relative to health carrier provider contract standards.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Rep. Miles, Hills. 12; Rep. Burroughs, Carr. 2; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. Spier, Hills. 6

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the insurance commissioner to hold an informational public hearing when a health carrier ends a provider contract affecting 1,000 or more patients, requires continued access to the provider for a limited period; requires written notice of the contract termination; and authorizes the insurance department to adopt rules regarding notice of termination of provider contracts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 New Section; Managed Care Law; Public Hearing Regarding Termination of Provider
2 Contract; When Required. Amend RSA 420-J by inserting after section 7-e the following new
3 section:

4 420-J:7-f Public Hearing Regarding Termination of Provider Contract; When Authorized.

5 I. The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, hold a public hearing within 15
6 business days after receiving notice that a health carrier intends to terminate a contract with a
7 provider when such termination will affect 1,000 or more covered persons. Any hearing held
8 pursuant to this section shall be informational in nature and shall not constitute approval,
9 disapproval, or review of the contract termination. The purpose of the hearing shall be limited to
10 receiving information and testimony regarding the potential effect of the contract termination on
11 access to care in the affected community, including access to quality and affordable physical and
12 mental health care services.

13 II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the commissioner to require
14 continuation, modification, or renegotiation of a provider contract.

15 III. For purposes of this section, a health carrier's obligation to notify the commissioner of a
16 provider contract termination shall be satisfied in accordance with existing notice requirements
17 under this chapter.

18 2 Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards. RSA 420-J:8, XI is repealed and reenacted
19 to read as follows:

20 XI.(a) Every contract entered into after July 1, 2003, between a health carrier and any
21 physician or facility shall include a provision ensuring that covered persons have continued access to
22 the provider in the event the contract is terminated for any reason other than unprofessional
23 conduct.

24 (b) Such continued access shall be provided for a period of 60 days from the effective
25 date of contract termination and shall be furnished and reimbursed in accordance with the terms
26 and conditions of the covered person's health benefit plan and the prior contract between the health
27 carrier and the provider.

28 (c) Within 5 business days of the contract termination, the health carrier shall provide
29 written notice to affected covered persons explaining their continued access rights and stating
30 whether the commissioner has elected to hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 420-J:7-f.

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- 1 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to further specify the content of
2 and process for providing notice to consumers when a contract is terminated.
3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 548-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Insurance Department