
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 1480

Brief Description: Concerning the provision of prescription drugs by direct practice providers.

Sponsors: Representatives Green, Schmick, Cody, Harris and Jinkins.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a direct practice to pay for charges associated with the provision of prescription drugs.

Hearing Date: 2/8/13

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

A direct practice is a provider, group of providers, or entity that:

- charges a fee for primary care services;
- provides only primary care;
- describes the services it provides and fees that it charges in written agreements with patients; and
- does not bill insurance.

Direct practices are not considered insurance and are therefore exempt from most insurance laws.

A direct practice may not provide prescription drugs in consideration for the fee.

Summary of Bill:

A direct practice may, in consideration for the fee, pay for charges associated with the provision of prescription drugs.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.