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Senate Bill 538
Finance

(Senator Klausmeier)

Health Insurance - Clean Claims

This bill specifies that insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations (carriers) must mail or transmit payment for a claim or a notice of receipt and status of the claim to the person that filed the claim.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill clarifies current law.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal to none.

Analysis

Current Law: A “clean claim” is a properly submitted claim for reimbursement. In general, a clean claim is a claim submitted on the uniform claim form. It must contain specified information about the enrollee and the treatment, including any attachments required by the insurer, in order for the carrier to determine whether the claim is payable and the proper payment amount. Within 30 days after receipt of a claim, a carrier must mail or otherwise transmit payment for the claim or send a notice of receipt and status of the claim that specifies the information necessary for the claim to be considered clean. Current law does not specify to whom such payment or notice must be provided.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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