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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2599

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2599 would amend a provision of the Kansas Healing Arts Act by allowing a physician providing services to a patient pursuant to a medical retainer agreement to bill for anatomic pathology services when the bill meets certain specifications. The patient's bill for such services would be required to: identify the laboratory or physician that performed the services; disclose in writing to the patient the actual amount charged by the physician or laboratory that performed the service; and be consistent with rules and regulations adopted by the Kansas Board of Hearing Arts (Board) for appropriate billing standards applicable to such services when furnished under the agreement.

Background

At the House Committee on Health and Human Services hearing, a representative from the Kansas Medical Society testified in favor of the bill stating enactment of the bill would protect patients from improper billing practices, provide greater transparency, and eliminate a barrier to medical retainer-type practice (also known as direct primary care) models. Written only proponent testimony was received from three Kansas licensed physicians practicing under a direct primary care model. There was no other testimony provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Board states enactment of the bill would

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increase responsibilities and workload for certain staff of the Board; however, there would be no dollar effect on the budget and the provisions of the bill could be implemented within the current approved staffing and operating expenditure levels.