

HB 415 INTRODUCED BY FRITZ, ET AL.
VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW TO CHARGE MORE
THAN MEDICARE RATES

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1/23 REFERRED TO BUSINESS & LABOR
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1 *Walton* *Hague* BILL NO. *415* *Connelly*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Walters* *Keenan* *Hague* *Moore*
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 4 A BILL (OR AN ACT ENTITLED) "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IT IS A *del*
 5 VIOLATION OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT FOR A
 6 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO CHARGE MEDICARE PATIENTS MORE THAN
 7 APPROVED MEDICARE RATES FOR TREATMENT; AND REQUIRING POSTING
 8 OF THIS LAW IN THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OF A HEALTH CARE
 9 PROVIDER."
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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Violation to charge medicare beneficiary in
 13 excess of approved medicare rates. (1) (a) It is a violation
 14 of this part for a health care provider to charge a medicare
 15 patient more than the rate approved for payment for the
 16 applicable treatment under the federal medicare program
 17 (Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act).

18 (b) For the purposes of this section, a health care
 19 provider is a person or organization that provides goods or
 20 services that are subject to payment or reimbursement under
 21 the federal medicare program to individual medicare
 22 beneficiaries.

23 (2) Every health care provider must post a copy of
 24 this section in a conspicuous area in his place of business.

25 Section 2. Codification instruction. Section 1 is

1 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 30,
 2 chapter 14, part 1, and the provisions of Title 30, chapter
 3 14, part 1, apply to section 1.

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