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Introduced by Sen. MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the insurance law, in relation to the reimbursement of out-of-network providers of clinical laboratory services by organizations providing or offering comprehensive health services plans

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 4406 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:  
3     6. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF AN ENROLLEE IS  
4     REFERRED BY AN IN-PLAN PROVIDER TO A PROVIDER OF CLINICAL LABORATORY  
5     SERVICES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAN (A "NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDER")  
6     FOR ANY SERVICE COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PLAN, THE ORGANIZATION  
7     SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE NON-PARTICIPATING  
8     PROVIDER FOR THOSE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIME FRAME FOR SUCH  
9     PAYMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR-A  
10    OF THE INSURANCE LAW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ENROLLEE SHALL BE  
11    RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY APPLICABLE COPAY, COINSURANCE OR DEDUCTIBLE FOR SUCH  
12    SERVICES. CLINICAL LABORATORIES SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO THIS  
13    SECTION FOR SERVICES RENDERED SHALL DIRECTLY BILL THE ORGANIZATION WHOSE  
14    ENROLLEE RECEIVED THE SERVICES. ANY PAYMENT MADE BY AN ORGANIZATION  
15    DIRECTLY TO THE ENROLLEE RATHER THAN TO THE CLINICAL LABORATORY SEEKING  
16    REIMBURSEMENT SHALL NOT SATISFY THE ORGANIZATION'S PAYMENT OBLIGATION TO  
17    THE CLINICAL LABORATORY.  
18    S 2. Section 4804 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
19    subsection (g) to read as follows:  
20    (G) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF AN ENROLLEE IS  
21    REFERRED BY AN IN-PLAN PROVIDER TO A PROVIDER OF CLINICAL LABORATORY  
22    SERVICES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAN (A "NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDER")  
23    FOR ANY SERVICE COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PLAN, THE ORGANIZATION

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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11 THE CLINICAL LABORATORY.  
12 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.