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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 20-464 AND 20-821, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 20-464, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 20-464. Prohibiting payment for services to persons other than
5 the assignee; equal copayment for chiropractic
6 services

7 A. If an insured assigns to a covered health care provider performing
8 services covered by the contract payment for benefits under a HOSPITAL,
9 MEDICAL, DENTAL OR OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATION SUBSCRIPTION CONTRACT, A
10 disability insurance contract, a group disability insurance contract or a
11 blanket disability contract, the contract does not prohibit assignments and
12 the assignment is delivered to the insurer, payment may be made only to the
13 health care provider to whom payment has been assigned.

14 B. A HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, DENTAL OR OPTOMETRIC SERVICE CORPORATION THAT
15 IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 20-826 SHALL NOT IMPOSE AS A LIMITATION ON TREATMENT OR
16 LEVEL OF COVERAGE A COPAYMENT AMOUNT THAT IS CHARGED TO THE INSURED FOR
17 CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES AND THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE COPAYMENT AMOUNT THAT IS
18 CHARGED TO THE INSURED FOR THE SERVICES OF A DULY LICENSED PRIMARY CARE
19 PHYSICIAN FOR THE SAME MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT OR CONDITION.

20 Sec. 2. Section 20-821, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

21 20-821. Scope of article; rules; authority of director

22 A. Hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, dental
23 service corporations, optometric service corporations and hospital, medical,
24 dental and optometric service corporations incorporated in this state are
25 governed by this article and are exempt from all other provisions of this
26 title, except as expressly provided by this article and any rule adopted by
27 the director pursuant to section 20-143 relating to contracts of such service
28 corporations. No insurance law enacted after January 1, 1955 applies to such
29 corporations unless the law specifically refers to corporations.

30 B. Chapter 2, article 12 of this title, sections 20-223, 20-234,
31 20-261, 20-261.01, 20-261.02, 20-261.03, 20-261.04, 20-464, 20-1133, 20-1377,
32 20-1408, 20-1692, 20-1692.01, 20-1692.02 and 20-1692.03 and chapters 15, 17
33 and 20 of this title and any rules adopted to implement these provisions
34 apply to all corporations governed by this article.

35 C. Chapter 21 of this title applies to a hospital service corporation,
36 a medical service corporation or a hospital and medical service corporation.