

HB 1259 -- Health Care Provider Contracts

Sponsor: Cooper (155)

This bill prohibits health carriers and health benefit plans from changing or attempting to change a code submitted by the health care provider for services without the written permission of the physician, unless the change is done pursuant to correct coding initiative guidelines and the change is based on the examination of the patient record. Codes, fee schedules, and reimbursement policies of the health carrier or health benefit plans must be included in the contract with the health care provider.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2007.