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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 28 defines a “direct primary care agreement” and states that Wisconsin’s insurance laws (chs. 600 to 655, Stats.), do not apply to any valid direct primary care agreement. Under the bill, a direct primary care agreement is a written agreement between a health care provider and a potential patient (or his or her employer) that requires the health care provider to provide specified primary care services in exchange for a subscription fee. The bill establishes several requirements for a valid direct primary care agreement, including a description of included services and prominent statement that the agreement does not constitute insurance.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 states that the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is not limited in its authority to regulate contracts that do not meet the requirements of a valid direct primary care agreement under the bill and that do meet the definition of insurance.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senators Carpenter and Kapenga. The amendment was recommended for adoption by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on October 23, 2019, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of Senate Bill 28, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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