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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2910:01, relating to certain practitioner information provided to patients.*

Patron—Hamilton

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2910:01 as follows:

§ 54.1-2910:01. Practitioner information provided to patients.

Doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and podiatry shall make available to patients the following information in a written statement in any primary and secondary practice settings:

1. Procedures to access information on the doctor compiled by the Board of Medicine pursuant to § 54.1-2910.1;

2. A list of the doctor's charges for his 20 most commonly performed procedure codes;

3. A list of health insurance plans accepted by the doctor and managed care health insurance plans in which the doctor participates;

4. Notice that if he is not covered by a health insurance plan that the doctor accepts or a managed care health insurance plan in which the doctor participates, the patient may be subject to the doctor's full charge; and

5. A list of the fees charged and the services to which they are attributable if the doctor charges "administrative access fees" for services not covered by a health insurance or managed care health insurance plan. "Administrative access fees" means charges imposed by the doctor in addition to deductibles and co-payments that may be charged to a patient pursuant to a contract with a health insurance or managed care health insurance plan.

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