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SENATE BILL NO. 800

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Labor  
on February 16, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 10, consisting of a section numbered 54.1-2997, relating to direct primary care agreements.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 an article numbered 10, consisting of a section numbered 54.1-2997, as follows:**

*Article 10.*

*Direct Primary Care Agreements.*

**§ 54.1-2997. Direct primary care agreements.**

*A. A direct agreement between a patient, the patient's legal representative, or the patient's employer and a health care provider for ongoing primary care services in exchange for the payment of a monthly periodic fee is not health insurance or a health maintenance organization, provided that the health care provider does not require patients to pay monthly periodic fees prior to initiation of the direct agreement coverage period. A health care provider who participates in a direct primary care practice may participate in a health insurance carrier network so long as the provider is willing and able to meet the terms and conditions of network membership set by the health insurance carrier.*

*B. The provisions of this article shall not apply to contracts entered into prior to March 1, 2017.*

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