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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reimbursement under the medical assistance
2 program for services provided in a provider-based practice
3 that includes nonphysician practitioners.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249A.35 REIMBURSEMENT OF
2 SERVICES IN PROVIDER-BASED PRACTICE.

3 1. If a provider-based practice includes a nonphysician
4 practitioner, any physician covered service provided to a
5 medical assistance recipient that is within the nonphysician
6 practitioner's legal scope of practice to provide, whether
7 actually provided by a physician or a nonphysician
8 practitioner, shall be billed at the lesser of the provider's
9 billed charge or the percentage of the physician fee schedule
10 rate applicable to the nonphysician practitioner that would be
11 paid if the nonphysician practitioner billed directly for the
12 service.

13 2. For the purposes of this section, a provider-based
14 practice is considered to include a nonphysician practitioner
15 if the nonphysician is under the fiscal, administrative, or
16 professional control, through employment or through a
17 contractual or other arrangement, of an individual physician
18 practice, a physician group practice, a hospital, a clinic, or
19 a nursing facility or any other entity deemed a provider-based
20 practice by rule of the department.

21 3. The department of human services shall adopt rules
22 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to reimbursement of services provided
25 under the medical assistance program. The bill provides that
26 if a provider-based practice includes a nonphysician
27 practitioner, any physician covered service provided to a
28 medical assistance recipient that is within the nonphysician
29 practitioner's legal scope of practice to provide, whether the
30 service is actually provided by a physician or a nonphysician
31 practitioner, is to be billed at the lesser of the provider's
32 billed charge or the percentage of the physician fee schedule
33 rate applicable to the nonphysician practitioner that would be
34 paid if the nonphysician practitioner billed directly for the
35 service.

1 The bill also directs the department of human services to
2 adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to administer the
3 bill.

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