

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB548</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA1</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor substitute to SB 548 adds Section 1 and 2 to the bill, which is new language. Section 2 adds new definitions to the bill.

The floor substitute prohibits an insurance carrier to cause or add to a patient's financial obligation to his or her health care provider. The floor substitute also prohibits all medical service or care entities to report a health care expense debt to a credit bureau or pursue involuntary collection activities with certain exceptions provided.

Additionally, the floor substitute prohibits any health care facility or individual medical care provider to charge an individual more than the geozip rate if the patient is uninsured or is insured by an out-of-network plan. Lastly, when a patient receives care for one or more medical conditions, the total cost of services will include charges from all entities who provided medical services. The billing document will be separate from all other forms, information, and paperwork.

**KEY DIFFERENCES FROM FLOOR VERSION AND FLOOR SUBSTITUTE:**

- Section 1 and 2 are completely new in the FS.
- Section 2 adds new definitions
- Paragraph B, C, D, and E of Section 3 are new
- The FS has a title

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**Fiscal Analysis**

No impact

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**Other Considerations**

None.

