COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/CS/HB 17 (2019)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Rommel offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 51-77 and insert:

6 statistically reliable benchmarking database maintained by an

7 independent, nonprofit organization that, at least annually,

8 reports a range of percentile ranks for imputed allowed amount

9 benchmarks similar to the FAIR Health Database as it exists on

10 July 1, 2019. The organization must:

11 <u>1. Be designated by the Commissioner of Insurance</u>

12 Regulation;

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13 2. Have reported a range of percentile benchmarks each

14 year for at least 5 years using the official codes for such

15 services, procedures, or equipment; and

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16	3. Be unaffiliated with any carrier, provider, or other
17	stakeholder in the health care industry.
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19	Whether the claimant is a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary is
20	inadmissible at trial.
21	(b) If the claimant has coverage for such services,
22	procedures, or equipment from a commercial insurance carrier or
23	under a plan self-funded by the claimant's employer but, in lieu
24	of such coverage, chooses for those services, procedures, or
25	equipment to be provided by a health care provider who
26	contractually agrees to defer payment until recovery from the
27	claimant's damages award or settlement, evidence must be
28	introduced at trial of the usual and customary rates for such
29	services, procedures, or equipment at the 85th percentile rank
30	of the imputed allowed amount benchmarks as reported in a
31	statistically
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