



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 31**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Tavares, Seitz, Brown, Skindell

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits health insuring corporations, sickness and accident insurers, multiple employer welfare arrangements, and public employee benefit plans from denying payment for a service, if the insurer had, prior to the performance of the service, agreed, in writing, to provide coverage for the service.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill prohibits health insuring corporations, sickness and accident insurers, multiple employer welfare arrangements, and public employee benefit plans from denying payment for a service, if the insurer had, prior to the performance of the service, agreed, in writing, to provide coverage for the service. An exception to this prohibition is made in the case of the agreement to cover the service being based on inaccurate information provided by the health care provider or the enrollee, insured, plan member, or covered dependent, as applicable.<sup>1</sup>

The bill does not repeal or amend existing law that prohibits a health insuring corporation or utilization review organization that authorizes a proposed admission, treatment, or health care service based on complete and accurate information from retroactively denying this authorization if the provider renders the health care service in good faith and pursuant to the authorization and all of the terms and conditions of the provider's contract with the health insuring corporation.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1739.05, 1751.76, 3923.71, and 3923.74.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1753.16.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced

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