

SB 1574

Revising the definitions of the terms “health insurer” as “utilization review entity”; requiring utilization review entities to establish and offer a prior authorization process for accepting electronic prior authorization requests by a specified date; prohibiting payment adjudicators from downcoding health care services under certain circumstances; requiring payment adjudicators to provide certain information prior to making their initial payment or notice of denial of payment, etc.

SB 1640

Establishing a 3-year statute of limitations for an action to collect medical debt for services rendered by certain health care facilities; providing additional personal property exemptions from legal process for medical debts resulting from services provided in certain licensed facilities; requiring certain licensed facilities to post on their respective websites a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for a minimum number of shoppable health care services, etc.

SB 458

A bill specifying that certain restrictive covenants in employment agreements relating to certain licensed physicians are not supported by a legitimate business interest; specifying that such restrictive covenants are void and

unenforceable; providing applicability; defining the term “compensation”; providing an effective date.

States’ big 2024 health plans: Workforce support and cheaper drugs

CHS closes sale of 3 Florida hospitals to Tampa General Hospital for \$294M

How Florida Blue is using AI to speed up prior authorizations

Average annual healthcare cost in all 50 states

AdventHealth-MultiPlan suit spotlights out-of-network pay fight

HB 1365 (see companion bill SB 1466)

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