

# **S 193 (see companion bill H 3400)**

Amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding section 36-71-48 so as to provide definitions, to require all health insurance and group health benefit plans to cover hearing aids and replacement hearing aids for insureds with impaired hearing, and to provide for the scope of coverage, among other things.

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## **S 210**

Amend Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 4 of the 1976 Code by adding section 44-6-42 to require the state plan prepared and submitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for federal approval to provide that health insurance plans offered beginning January 1, 2021 be available to adults under 65 years of age whose income does not exceed 133% of the federal poverty level, with a 5% income disregard.

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## **S 289**

Amend Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code, relating to accident and health insurance, by adding article 16, to provide that all health insurance carriers shall offer shared savings incentive programs as a component of all health insurance plans, subject to certain exceptions, to provide requirements concerning the establishment of these programs,

to provide for the offering of incentives to health plan enrollees concerning certain covered shoppable health care services, to provide that shared savings incentive payments are not administrative expenses for the carrier that paid them for rate development or rate filing purposes, to provide reporting requirements, and to define necessary terms.

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## **S 314 (see companion bill H 3401)**

Amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding section 38-71-292 so as to prohibit insurers and health care providers from engaging in surprising billing, and by adding section 39-5-45 so as to make it an unfair trade practice for an insurer or health care provider to engage in the practice of surprise billing.

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## **S 161**

A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-7-255 so as to require each hospital or hospital system licensed or applying for licensure in the state of South Carolina to develop a strategic plan to ensure that underserved populations have meaningful access to health care in the event of a merger, acquisition, or other reorganization and to provide a report to the general assembly detailing the strategic plan, to prohibit the Department of Health and Environmental Control from issuing a license to any

hospital or hospital system before the entity submits the required report to the general assembly, and for other purposes.

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## **S 265**

Amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding section 44-7-400 so as to prohibit hospitals from utilizing telemedicine to deliver intensive or critical care services and to require such services be provided or supervised by a physician who is board-certified in critical care medicine.

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## **S 290 (see companion bill H 3223, H 3161)**

To amend sections 44-7-110, 44-7, 120, 44-7-130, 44-7-140, 44-7-150, and 44-7-320 of the 1975 Code, all relating to the regulation of health care facilities in the state, to eliminate references to certificate of need requirements; to repeal sections 44-7-160, 44-7-170, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, and 44-7-240 of the 1976 Code, all relating to the Certificate of Need program (deleted section stating requirement of the issuance of CON before undertaking project prescribed by this article); and to rename Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the 1976 Code as the "State Health Facility Licensure Act"

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## **S 298**

Amend Article 1, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code, relating to accident and health insurance, by adding section 38-71-42, to require health maintenance organizations, individual or group health insurance policies, and insurance contracts to provide coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease; and to amend section 1-11-710 of the 1976 Code, relating to the board of directors of the public employee benefit authority's duty to make certain insurance plans available, to require a group health plan to cover certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

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## **S 370**

Amend Section 44-7-160 of the 1976 Code, relating to circumstances requiring a Certificate of Need, to provide that the addition of beds in certain situations is exempt from Certificate of Need requirements, to increase the dollar threshold for capital expenditures and medical equipment, and to provide that the Department of Health and Environmental Control must determine the increase or decrease in the ratio of the consumer price index for all urban consumers, medical care commodities in the U.S. city average, for the prior five-year period and adjust expenditures and costs accordingly; Amend Section 44-7-170(A) of the 1976 Code, relating to Certificate of Need exemptions, to exempt certain medical equipment and to provide certain threshold criteria to exempt the addition of beds

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# **S 419 (see companion bill H 3602)**

A joint resolution to address the low rate of COVID-19 vaccinations in South Carolina by directing the Department of Health and Environmental Control to temporarily authorize certain qualified health care workers to administer certain approved COVID-19 vaccinations regardless of whether the health care workers are otherwise prohibited from doing so under professional scope of practice or unauthorized practice provision of law in this state.