

SENATE BILL NO. 354  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING AND CLARIFYING THE OPERATION OF THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT CONVERSION FACTOR FOR PHYSICIANS; AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ADOPT POLICY ADJUSTERS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Definitions.** As used in [sections 1 through 3], the following definitions apply:

(1) "Conversion factor" means the weighted average of the conversion factors used by the three insurers providing disability insurance to the most beneficiaries within the state who use the resource-based relative value scale to determine fees for covered services.

(2) "Department" means the department of public health and human services.

(3) "Medicaid" means the Montana medical assistance program established under Title 53, chapter 6.

(4) "Physician" has the meaning provided in 37-3-102.

(5) "Policy adjuster" means a factor by which the fee determined under [section 2] is multiplied to increase the fee paid by medicaid for certain categories of services.

(6) "Relative value unit" means a numerical value assigned in the resource-based relative value scale to each procedure code used to bill for services provided by a physician.

(7) "Resource-based relative value scale" means the medicare resource-based relative value scale contained in the physician's medicare fee schedule adopted by the centers for medicare and medicaid services of the U.S. department of health and human services.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Physician services reimbursement.** The fee for a covered service provided by a physician under the medicaid program is determined by multiplying the conversion factor times the relative value unit for that service.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Rulemaking -- policy adjusters.** The department may by rule adopt policy adjusters for certain categories of service. A policy adjuster may not be less than 1.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 3] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [sections 1 through 3].

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