

SENATE BILL NO. 291

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DEFINITIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL LIEN LAWS AS APPLIED TO AMBULANCE SERVICES AND INSURERS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 71-3-1113, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 71-3-1113, MCA, is amended to read:

**"71-3-1113. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Ambulance service" means a person providing ground or air ambulance transport, licensed under 50-6-306, that:

(a) is in-network with at least two insurers that together provide coverage for at least 25% of health insurance insureds in the state; or

(b) accepts insurance, including copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles, as payment in full.

~~(1)(2)~~ "Beneficiary" means a person entitled to insurance benefits.

~~(2)(3)~~ "Dentist" means a person practicing dentistry as provided in 37-4-101.

~~(3)(4)~~ "Insurance" means a contract through which a person, the insurer, undertakes to indemnify another, the insured, or pay or provide a determinable amount or benefit upon determinable contingencies.

~~(4)(5)~~ "Insurer" ~~includes a health service corporation~~ has the meaning of a health insurance issuer provided in 33-22-140 and includes public health plans under Title 2 or Title 20.

~~(5)(6)~~ "Outpatient center for surgical services" means a facility registered as provided in 50-32-314.

~~(6)(7)~~ "Person" means an individual, a corporation, an organization, or other legal entity."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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