

Murdo, Patricia

Subject: FW: State Restrictions on Balance Billing

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From: Amy Thomson
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Tom,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss life flight issues with me. As I had mentioned, there are several states that have established a ban on out of network balance billing. I see this type of legislation as a way around the pre exemption issue. It would protect Montanans, while perhaps separately addressing regulation of cost and identifying how to address the federal aviation regs.

Given the handful of states with such bans, I also believe that it could be argued (if needed), that a precedent has been previously established through the successful implementation of banned balance billing.

Here is a link to where you can find the tables on State restrictions:

<http://kff.org/private-insurance/state-indicator/state-restriction-against-providers-balance-billing-managed-care-enrollees/>

Thank you again for your time. I look forward to meeting with you, and hope to use out situation as a way to enact positive changes for other Montanans.

Sincerely,
Amy Thomson

Sent from my iPhone