

Dear all:

Despite opposition by the health care community, HB 71 (Chairman Richard Smith) passed the House Insurance Subcommittee today and will go to the full House Insurance Committee at 8 am tomorrow (Friday) morning.

HB 71 does the following:

- As a condition of medical staff participation, physicians are **mandated** to accept the same insurance plans as the hospital;
- As a condition of medical staff participation, the **hospitals “shall receive the power to contract** for the network participation of its providers (employed and private practice) with health benefit plans of such insurers, provided that such health care providers shall be responsible for negotiating all other terms, conditions and prices.”

MAG opposes HB 71 as this bill violates the physicians right to contract with whom the physician wants and ultimately destroys physician autonomy. This bill also raises concerns with antitrust and the Medicare Conditions of Participation. MAG is not aware of any state in the country that mandates a physician contract with any specific payer to practice at a hospital. MAG believes patients will have problems with access to care (primary and specialty) as physicians that simply provide emergency coverage will resign from hospitals since they do not utilize their services for their patients.

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Thank you.

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