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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PATIENT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Giraldo, Spears, Shallcross Smith, and Potter

Date Introduced: January 21, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 5 of the General Laws entitled "BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 37.9

4 PATIENT PAYMENT INFORMATION

5-37.9-1. Patient payment information -- Requiring electronic payment information

7 (a) No healthcare provider, as defined in § 5-37.3-12, shall require a patient to provide bank
8 account information, a credit card number, a debit card number or any other form of electronic
9 payment to be kept on file with the healthcare provider as a prerequisite to seeing the patient for an
10 office visit or providing any healthcare service to the patient.

11 **(b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be considered an unfair trade practice**

12 pursuant to chapter 13.1 of title 6 ("deceptive trade practices")

13 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

(1) Affect a patient's obligation to pay for healthcare services; or

15 (2) Prohibit a healthcare provider from request

16 debit card or other payment-related information if the patient agrees to provide such information.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit a healthcare provider from requiring patients to provide electronic
- 2 payment information to be kept on file as a condition to receiving treatment. The act would make
- 3 a violation of this section a deceptive trade practice.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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