

HB 294 Analysis. This legislation has been introduced by Representative Tony DeLuca, D-Allegheny County. It has been referred to the House Insurance Committee where Representative DeLuca is the Democratic Chairman.

This bill provides for nondiscrimination by payers in health care benefit plans. It specifically requires the health care payer to accept, as a plan participant, any willing provider of health care services. The health care plan payer may not discriminate against any provider of health care services who: 1) agrees to accept the payer's standard payment levels; and 2) meets and agrees to adhere to quality standards established by the healthcare payer.

It is claimed that in some parts of the Commonwealth, physicians and other health care providers are refused payment for their services from certain healthcare insurers. This legislation would effectively prohibit that practice.

PASA supports House Bill 294.

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