

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 17 prohibits any health benefit plan or other provider network authorized to administer health care coverage from refusing coverage to an insured for durable medical equipment and supplies, regardless of if the health care provider is in-network or out-of-network, unless there is an in-network provider within a 30-mile radius. Additionally, if a health care provider deems it necessary that an insured receive covered medical equipment or supplies within 24 hours, the insured shall not be subject to drop-shipped orders and may seek such equipment and supplies from any health care provider that can provide the needed equipment and supplies. If a covered person is required to utilize an out-of-network provider, the provider shall be reimbursed at the same rate as an in-network provider for the equipment or supplies.

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