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Bill Analysis

HB 1853 authorizes enrollees to choose to pay out of pocket for a health care service from a health care provider. The measure provides that an enrollee that obtains a medically necessary health care service covered by his or her health benefit plan and negotiates for a price lower than the average allowed amount established by the health benefit plan may submit information outlined in the measure to his or her carrier. The carrier shall count the full amount that the enrollee paid out-of-pocket towards their deductible if the service is included in their health plan and they negotiated a lower cost. The amount counted toward an applicable out-of-pocket deductible and annual maximum out-of-pocket expense shall not exceed the total amount that the enrollee is required to pay out of pocket.

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