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Bill Analysis

SB 1343 creates the Vision Plan Contractual Requirements Act. The measure prohibits any contract between a vision plan organization and an optometrist from requiring the optometrist to provide services to subscribers at a fee set by the vision plan organization unless the services are covered vision services under the applicable vision service plan. The measure requires all service plans offered by the organization to be approved by the optometrist. Such organizations may not utilize the optometrist's agreement to the contractual terms of one group agreement for vision services to constitute approval to another agreement to provide vision services. Any change to reimbursements or discounts shall require the optometrist's consent. No plan may incentivize the use of certain vision services. Incentivizing subscribers to receive vision care services at an entity owned by the organization shall be prohibited. Any overpayment or underpayment due to an optometrist or any refund to a vision service plan shall be based on actual overpayment or underpayment and shall not be based on extrapolation.

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