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who is a Medicare beneficiary and Minnesota resident, prior to the purchase, or at any time upon the request of the purchaser, that the vendor charges an amount in excess of the Medicare-approved amount.

(f) Health carriers must include language in all network provider contracts prohibiting providers from requiring prepayment for any amount covered by the health plan, and any amount in excess of the allowable amount the health carrier has contracted for with the provider as the total payment for the health care services.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 62K.11, is amended to read:

62K.11 BALANCE BILLING PROHIBITED.

(a) A network provider is prohibited from billing an enrollee for any amount in excess of the allowable amount the health carrier has contracted for with the provider as total payment for the health care service. A network provider is permitted to bill an enrollee the approved co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance.

(b) A network provider is permitted to bill an enrollee for services not covered by the enrollee's health plan as long as the enrollee agrees in writing in advance before the service is performed to pay for the noncovered service.

(c) Health carriers must include language in all network provider contracts prohibiting providers from requiring prepayment for any amount covered by the health plan, and any amount in excess of the allowable amount the health carrier has contracted for with the provider as the total payment for the health care services.