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I am writing to express our concerns with SB 1067/HB 3418 that would limit hospital reimbursement for public employee benefit plans. While we understand the intent of wanting to control healthcare costs, these bills will not accomplish what you expect them to. These bills will simply “shift the costs” of care to other payors, insurers and businesses so that their costs will increase (due to issues outside of their control). This type of across the board mandates do nothing to continue our efforts to truly transform the payment and delivery system from fee-for-service towards alternative models. We have begun to make great strides with coordinated care models and would like to continue this work. Basing the rate on Medicare costs is an artificial mechanism. Medicare costs are not a true representation of our costs as the true cost of providing care is based on a complex set of calculations that Medicare just does entirely take into account.

I would strongly urge you **to vote no on this bill**. We are all interested in managing healthcare costs and we would be more than glad to sit with you and look at alternative ways to accomplish what you want to do. Targeting one group like this only moves the costs to another group. There is no real savings in this bill. It is time for us to try and figure out real policy options for healthcare costs and not rely on political solutions.

Thank you ,

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