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                                          Technology

Measure, Appointment or   HB4054
        Topic:

•   This bill adds much needed transparency to the emerging issue of
downcoding. Downcoding happens when a provider treats a patient and submits a
claim for reimbursement, and the health insurer reimburses them at a lower-level
code.

•   Recently, some insurers have started to downcode large batches of claims
using artificial intelligence technology.

•   The lack of transparency around this process and technology makes it difficult
for clinics to track when claims have been downcoded.

•   I respectfully urge your support of HB 4054. This bill does not ban the use of
AI, it simply adds much needed transparency to this emerging technology. Insurance
companies should have to provide the methods and evidence when downcoding.

•   Downcoding should only be on review of an individual case, not done in large
batches to match insurance company statistics.

•   Coding and billing are already a large cost for practices. Having to appeal
downcoding based on AI will only add time and expense.