

Amend CSHB 3257 on page 11, between lines 14 and 15, by inserting the following:

Sec. 4F. EQUITABILITY IN NEGOTIATED RATES. (a) A health benefit plan used to provide coverage under the program must be designed to ensure that an employee who purchases coverage under the health benefit plan through the employee's health reimbursement arrangement account is entitled to pay a physician or other health care provider for services provided to the employee that are not reimbursed from the account at the same rate negotiated with the physician or other health care provider by the approved health benefit plan provider for provision of those services under the plan.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to medical services, dental services, and vision care services.