



October 2, 2019

The Honorable Dave Burke
Chairman
Committee on Health, Human Services, and Medicaid
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Substitute SB 97 – Health Services

Dear Chairman Burke:

As President of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO), an organization representing more than 5,000 physician, resident and medical student members in Northern Ohio, I am writing on behalf of the organization and our members to voice our support for substitute SB 97 – a bill that would provide healthcare price transparency.

The AMCNO supports efforts that would make healthcare pricing more transparent for patients. However, for medical price transparency efforts to be successful, patients must be provided with meaningful information that will help them evaluate the value of their healthcare services. At this time, physicians and other healthcare providers do not have the tools necessary to give their patients an accurate estimate for the cost of their medical care, so it is imperative that providers and payers work collaboratively to come up with a process that works for all concerned. The process for providing cost estimates to patients has to be workable for all providers in order to avoid any issues that could impact the delivery of quality health care.

The AMCNO believes that substitute SB 97 has the potential to help the citizens in Ohio make informed decisions about their health care, while providing them information that can help them plan for the costs that will be associated with the care they receive.

Thank you for your attention to our comments regarding substitute SB 97.

Sincerely,

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AMCNO President

Cc: Members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee

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