

# A BILL

To eliminate the use of contractual discounts from a healthcare organization to a non-government healthcare insurance organization.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## **SECTION 1. Short Title.**

This bill may be cited as the “The Mitchell Bill”.

## **Section 2. Prohibiting the use of Contractual Adjustments from a healthcare organization to a healthcare insurance organization.**

No contractual adjustment may be made for patients based on a contract between the insurance company and healthcare organization providing the services or product.

## **Section 3. Prohibiting the use of inconsistent prices.**

No healthcare organization shall price services or products at inconsistent prices due to the type of payer or lack thereof.

## **Section 4. Definition.**

For the purpose of this Act, “contractual adjustment” means a part of a patient's bill that a doctor or hospital must write-off (not charge for) because of billing agreements with the insurance company; also known as contractual allowance.

## **Section 5. Exception**

Section 2 and Section 3 shall not apply to any government programs.

## **Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Act shall go into effect one-hundred and eighty (180) days after passage.