

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 764

Short Title: Health Insurance/Assignment of Benefits. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Boseman, Dannelly, Holloman, Kinnaird,
Lucas, and Malone.

Referred to: Commerce.

March 22, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER HEALTH
INSURANCE POLICIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-3-200 is amended by adding the following new
subsection to read:

**"§ 58-3-200. Miscellaneous insurance and managed care coverage and network
provisions.**

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"(g) Refusal to Accept Assignment of Benefits Prohibited. – No insurer shall
prohibit an insured's assignment of benefits to a health care provider nor refuse to
directly reimburse a health care provider pursuant to a valid assignment of benefits. As
used in this subsection, "assignment of benefits" means the transfer of health care
coverage reimbursement benefits or other rights under a health benefit plan by an
insured to a health care provider."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.