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HOUSE BILL NO. 1179

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Bartling, Burg, Elliott, Flowers, Frost, Glenski, Hargens, Hundstad, Kooistra, Lange, Lintz, Michels, Monroe, Nachtigal, Peterson (Jim), Rhoden, Valandra, Van Gerpen, and Van Norman and Senators Hutmacher, de Hueck, Diedrich (Elmer), Koetzle, McIntyre, Moore, Putnam, Reedy, Sutton (Dan), and Volesky

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the assignment of health insurance proceeds
2 to health care providers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 58-17-61 be amended to read as follows:

5 58-17-61. Any person insured by a health insurance company, health maintenance
6 organization, preferred provider organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit
7 hospital service corporation may assign in writing benefits from such policy, contract, or
8 certificate to a hospital health care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 or a health care
9 provider whose practice is listed in § 58-17-54. If such assignment is executed and written notice
10 thereof is given, the insurance company, health maintenance organization, preferred provider
11 organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit hospital service corporation shall pay
12 the benefits directly to the hospital health care facility or health care provider.

13 Nothing in this section modifies the scope of coverage or the amount of benefits payable

1 under a health insurance policy, contract, or certificate.