

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 574**

BY SENATORS MARONEY, NELSON, TAKUBO, AND WELD

[Introduced February 03, 2022; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §5-16-30, relating to the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act and,  
 3 reimbursement of hospital inpatient rates by the plan.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.**

**§5-16-30. Hospital inpatient rates.**

1 (a) By October 1, 2022, the plan shall reimburse any hospital that provides inpatient care  
 2 to a nonmandatory permissive participant beneficiary, as defined in §5-16-22 of this code, at rates  
 3 negotiated between the hospital and the plan.

4 (b) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the director under §5-16-3(c) and §5-16-9  
 5 of this code, including, but not limited to, his or her authority to manage provider contracting and  
 6 payments and to designate covered and noncovered services.

7 (c) This section does not limit the authority of the director, the plan, or the plans under §5-  
 8 16-11 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the PEIA plan to reimburse hospitals that provide inpatient care to a nonmandatory permissive participant beneficiary at rates negotiated between the hospital and the plan.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.