

House Bill 985

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide that the Board of  
3 Community Health or its contractor is required to contract with any physician, hospital, or  
4 health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule for health care services to employees of the  
5 state in a state health insurance plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
10 state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the  
11 following:

12 "45-18-20.

13 The board shall be required to enter into a contract with any physician, hospital, or other  
14 health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule as established by the board for health care  
15 services to employees of the state under a health insurance plan established pursuant to this  
16 article. In the event that the board contracts with a third party to administer health benefits  
17 under this article, the third party contractor shall be required to enter into a contract with  
18 any physician, hospital, or other health care provider that agrees to a fee schedule as  
19 established by the board for health care services to employees of the state under a health  
20 insurance plan established pursuant to this article."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.