

HOUSE No. 5505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 13, 1978.

The committee on Insurance, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3497) of the Legislative Council for Older Americans (LCOA) and John A. Businger that provision be made for public hearings and approval of rates charged by contract commonly known as Medex, report recommending that the accompanying bill, House, No. 5505, ought to pass.

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LaFONTAINE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PRIOR PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF RATES CHARGED BY CONTRACT COMMONLY KNOWN AS MEDEX.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The last paragraph of section 10 of chapter 176A
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 766 of the
3 Acts of 1950, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, contracts issued
5 and rates charged by non-profit hospital service corporations to its
6 subscribers providing group supplemental coverage to Medicare
7 or other governmental programs shall be filed with and subject to
8 prior approval by the Commissioner as provided in section six.

1 SECTION 2. The fourth paragraph of section 4 of chapter
2 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 307
3 of the Acts of 1960 is hereby amended by inserting after the word
4 "discriminatory", in line 7, the words: — ;provided that contracts
5 issued and rates charged by non-profit medical service corpora-
6 tions to its subscribers providing group supplemental coverage to
7 Medicare or other governmental programs shall be subject to the
8 provisions of this section requiring prior filing and prior approval
9 of the Commissioner.