OLR Bill Analysis SB 1479

## AN ACT CONCERNING WITHHOLDING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO REQUIRE MANDATORY ARBITRATION IN BILLING DISPUTES.

## SUMMARY

Starting October 1, 2025, this bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to prohibit health care providers, as a condition of receiving Medicaid reimbursement, from using mandatory arbitration clauses in agreements with patients.

Under the bill, a mandatory arbitration clause is a clause in an agreement between a health care provider and patient requiring the patient to submit to mandatory arbitration to resolve a billing dispute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 15 Nay 7 (03/13/2025)