

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 424**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 12, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 38.2 a section numbered*
5 *38.2-3407.23, relating to health insurance; prohibited restrictions on in-network referrals.*

6 Patron—LeVere Bolling

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8 Committee Referral Pending
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 38.2 a section**
12 **numbered 38.2-3407.23 as follows:**

13 **§ 38.2-3407.23. Prohibited restrictions on in-network referrals.**

14 **A. As used in this section:**

15 *"Carrier" means the same as the term "health carrier" is defined in § 38.2-3438.*

16 *"Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in § 38.2-3438.*

17 *"In-network" means a provider that has contracted with a carrier or a carrier's contractor or*
18 *subcontractor to provide health care services to enrollees and be reimbursed by the carrier at a contracted*
19 *rate as payment in full for the health care services, including applicable cost-sharing requirements.*

20 **B. No carrier, in the provision of individual or group accident and sickness insurance, including any**
21 **health benefit plan, shall prohibit an in-network provider from referring any patient or specimen to any in-**
22 **network clinical laboratory or in-network pathology service provider under the terms of such insurance**
23 **unless such referral would constitute a violation of the Practitioner Self-Referral Act (§ 54.1-2410 et seq.) or**
24 **42 U.S. Code § 1320a-7b.**

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