

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS, HUMAN SERVICES
AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

BILL NO. 30-0253

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 21, 2013

An Act amending title 22, chapter 33 of the Virgin Islands Code as it relates to assignment and health insurance payments directly to the provider of services

PROPOSED BY: Senator Craig W. Barshinger

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 22 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33 is amended by adding section
3 833a to read as follows:

4 **“§833a. Assignability of insurance payments**

5 Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an insured specifically authorizes
6 payment of benefits directly to any recognized hospital, licensed ambulance provider, physician,
7 dentist, or other person who provided the services in accordance with the provisions of the
8 policy, the insurer shall make such payment to the designated provider of such services. The
9 insurance contract may not prohibit, and claims forms must provide an option for, the payment
10 of benefits directly to a licensed hospital, licensed ambulance provider, physician, or dentist, or
11 other person who provided the services in accordance with the provisions of the policy for care

1 provided. The insurer may require written attestation of assignment of benefits. Payment to the
2 provider from the insurer may not be more than the amount that the insurer would otherwise
3 have paid without the assignment.”

4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This bill amends title 22 Virgin Islands Code by adding section 833a to allow for the
6 assignment of insurance payments directly to the provider of the services.

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