This is a great idea and must be legislatively implemented. The providers are in the best position to ascertain the correct billing issues, not the patient. If a facility / provider, such as a surgeon is in network there is no way the patient can sometimes even determine who the collateral provider, like anesthesiologist, or provider of special equipment) will be. The onus should be on the party who has best access to the relevant information. This is not terribly different the the cost containment provisions of the Pa Workes Comp Act.

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