
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows healthcare providers who purchase plastic and metallic implant's or non-autogenous graft's to be reimbursed for reasonable cost of the implants.

Present law provides that the assistant secretary of the office of workers' compensation shall establish and promulgate a reimbursement schedule for drugs, supplies, hospital care and services, medical and surgical treatment, and any non-medical treatment recognized by present law, the Workers' Compensation Act.

Proposed law retains present law to add that the facility, hospital or ambulatory surgery center, must order and pay for the implant or non-autogenous graft and upon receipt of the original manufacturer's invoice, shall be reimbursed by the payor.

Proposed law provides that the reimbursed amount shall be at the manufacturer's original invoice amount, exclusive of rebates and discounts, plus 20%.

Proposed law provides that the costs associated with the purchasing of an implant or non-autogenous graft shall not exceed what a prudent buyer pays for an item or service of its kind.

Proposed law provides that if costs of the implant or non-autogenous graft should exceed the level of a prudent buyer then the amount in excess shall not be reimbursed.

(Adds R.S. 23:1203.1.2)