

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER: Provides for fees for Medical Necessity Review Organization licenses and filing of annual reports

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1124(A)(introductory paragraph) and 1138(D), to enact R.S.
3 22:821(B)(28), and to repeal R.S. 22:1125, relative to fees collected by the
4 commissioner of insurance; to provide relative to fees collected for Medical
5 Necessity Review Organization licenses; to provide for a fee for filing of annual
6 reports of Medical Necessity Review Organizations; to delete the requirement that
7 Medical Necessity Review Organization licenses are subject to biannual renewal and
8 associated fees; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 22:1124(A)(introductory paragraph) and 1138(D) are hereby
11 amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:821(B)(28) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §821. Fees

13 The following fees and licenses shall be collected in advance:

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15 B. By the commissioner of insurance:

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17 (28) Medical Necessity Review Organization other than a health insurance
18 issuer

19 (a) Licensing fee \$ 1,500.00

20 (b) Annual report filing fee \$ 500.00

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 §1124. Procedure for application to act as an MNRO

2 A. Any applicant for licensure other than a health insurance issuer shall
3 submit an application to the commissioner and pay the initial licensure fee specified
4 in ~~R.S. 22:1125(D)~~. R.S. 22:821. The application shall be on a form and
5 accompanied by any supporting documentation required by the commissioner and
6 shall be signed and verified by the applicant. The information required by the
7 application shall include but need not be limited to the following:

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9 §1138. External review register

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11 D.(1) The MNRO shall submit to the commissioner, at least annually, a report
12 in the format specified by the commissioner. The report shall include the following
13 for each health insurance issuer and health benefit plan:

- 14 ~~(1)~~ (a) The total number of requests for external review.
- 15 ~~(2)~~ (b) The number of requests for external review resolved and their
16 resolution.
- 17 ~~(3)~~ (c) A synopsis of actions being taken to correct problems identified.

18 (2) At the time of filing its annual report, an MNRO other than a health
19 insurance issuer shall pay a filing fee in the amount set forth in R.S. 22:821.

20 Section 2. R.S. 22:1125 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB No. 370

Abstract: Provides for fees for Medical Necessity Review Organization (MNRO) licenses and filing of annual reports. Specifies that such fees apply to MNROs other than health insurance issuers.

Present law provides for biannual licensing of Medical Necessity Review Organizations (MNROs) other than health insurance issuers with the fee for initial licensing and the fee for renewal of licensure each set at \$1,500. Further requires an annual report of MNROs with which no fee is associated.

Proposed law deletes the requirement for annual renewal and its associated fee of \$1,500 and instead provides for a licensing fee of \$1,500 and an annual report filing fee of \$500 for MNROs. Specifies that the annual report filing fee applies to MNROs other than health insurance issuers.

(Amends R.S. 22:1124(A)(intro. para.) and 1138(D); Adds R.S. 22:821(B)(28); Repeals R.S. 22:1125)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

1. Specifies that the annual report filing fee shall apply to MNROs other than health insurance issuers.