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Abstract: Authorizes health insurance issuers to establish healthcare cost and quality programs.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits an insurer from making or permitting any unfair discrimination in favor of particular individuals or persons, or between insureds or subjects of insurance having substantially like insuring risk, and exposure factors, or expense elements, in the terms or conditions of any insurance contract, or in the rate or amount of premium charged therefor, or in the benefits payable or in any other rights or privileges accruing thereunder.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but authorizes health insurance issuers, health maintenance organizations, group purchasers, and preferred provider organizations to establish any of the following without regard to uniform availability or applicability to all insureds or policyholders or healthcare providers:

- (1) Quality programs.
- (2) Disease management programs.
- (3) Population health management programs.
- (4) Pharmaceutical management programs.
- (5) Partnerships or other shared risk programs with healthcare providers or professional associations.
- (6) Other trial or pilot programs.

Present law prohibits certain practices by preferred provider organizations.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but authorizes health insurance issuers, health maintenance organizations, group purchasers, and preferred provider organizations to establish or enter into agreements to operate or maintain modern healthcare cost and quality programs.

(Adds R.S. 22:1100 and R.S. 40:2203.1(H))