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HB 603 Engrossed

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Firment

Abstract: Provides relative to claims and records of pharmacies and pharmacists.

<u>Present law</u> defines "health insurance issuer". <u>Proposed law</u> modifies the definition to include a pharmacy benefit manager and any person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law provides for audits of pharmacy records.</u> <u>Proposed law retains present law but provides for other reviews of pharmacy records.</u>

<u>Present law</u> does not prohibit the review of a claim filed by a pharmacy to determine if the claim is payable or paid correctly. Provides that such review may require the pharmacy's submission of prescription copies and other documentation related to the specific claims under review.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the potential requirement for a pharmacy to submit prescription copies and other documentation. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 22:1852(A)(intro. para.) and (7) and 1856.1(B)(intro. para.) and (2)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

- 1. Modify the definition of "health insurance issuer" to remove the agent of an insurance company from inclusion in the definition. Provide that a "health insurance issuer" includes a pharmacy benefit manager and any person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager.
- 2. Make technical changes.