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DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> authorizes the assistant secretary of the office of workers' compensation administration to establish and promulgate a reimbursement schedule for drugs, supplies, hospital care and services, medical and surgical treatment, and any nonmedical treatment recognized by the laws of this state as legal and due under the Workers' Compensation Act and applicable to any person or corporation who renders such care, services, or treatment or provides such drugs or supplies to any person covered by present law relative to workers' compensation.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and makes technical changes by renaming the "Workers' Compensation Act", to "Workers' Compensation Law".

Proposed law requires the reimbursement schedule to be updated no less than once every two years.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the reimbursement schedule will include charges limited to the mean of the usual and customary charges for such care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the reimbursement schedule will provide for payment for such care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies in accordance with professional service charges for care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies for which a current procedural terminology code is assigned will be reimbursed based on the applicable (RVU) established under the resource-based relative value scale system, adjusted by the highest Louisiana (GPCI) and multiplied by the following conversion factors:

- (1) Evaluation and Management 58
- (2) Surgery Services 72.5
- (3) Radiology 66
- (4) Pathology 66
- (5) Lab 63.5
- (6) General Medicine 58.25
- (7) Physical Medicine 58.25

(8) Anesthesia - 55

<u>Present law</u> provides that reimbursement for dental services cannot exceed the 70th percentile in the current edition of the National Dental Advisory Service (NDAS) Comprehensive Fee Report, utilizing the average of geographic multipliers for Louisiana as published in the NDAS report.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates the unclassified civil service reimbursement hearing officer position.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows an aggrieved party to file an appeal with the office of the medical services' reimbursement hearing officer within 30 days after the issuance of the decision.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the reimbursement hearing officer's decision to be appealed to the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 23:1034.2)