
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits request for authorizations for prescription drugs in workers' compensation cases.

Present law requires the payor, after a medical provider has submitted to the payor the request for authorization and other required information, to notify the medical provider of the payor's action on the request for authorization. Present law further requires notice to be given within five business days of receipt of the request.

Present law allows any aggrieved party to file an appeal with the office of workers' compensation administration's medical director or associate medical director, if any dispute arises after the date specified in present law (R.S. 23:1203.1(J)(1)), as to whether the recommended care, services, or treatment is in accordance with the medical treatment schedule or whether a variance from the medical treatment schedule is reasonably required. Present law provides that the appeal must be filed within 15 calendar days.

Present law requires the medical director or associate medical director to render a decision as soon as practicable; however, no later than 30 calendar days from the date of filing.

Proposed law provides that present law (R.S. 23:1203.1(J)) shall not apply to requests for authorizations for prescription drugs and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 23:1203.1(J)(1))