
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for pharmacy reimbursement guidelines. Prohibits certain reimbursement cost assignments. Prohibits cost changes to certain prescription drugs.

Present law prohibits pharmacy benefit managers or persons acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit managers from reimbursing a contracted or local pharmacy or pharmacist in this state an amount less than the acquisition cost for the covered drug, device, or service. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law retains present law definitions applicable to pharmacy benefit manager reimbursements. Proposed law amends the definition of "acquisition cost" and adds the term "professional dispensing fee".

Proposed law provides additional reimbursement guidelines for pharmacy benefit managers claims submitted by any local pharmacy to a pharmacy benefit manager administering claims on behalf of a health plan, except for the Office of Group Benefits.

Proposed law retains present law relative to appeals process for pharmacists to challenge claim payment errors.

Proposed law prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from amending or changing the amount a prescription drug consumer must pay for an out-of-pocket cost share or expense.

Proposed law requires pharmacy benefit managers to bear all costs associated with the reimbursement of professional dispensing fees. Proposed law prohibits such costs from being assigned to plans, members, pharmacies, and pharmacists.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to require submission of claims-level data, including but not limited to reimbursement amounts, dispensing fees, and any adjustments, for the purpose of verifying compliance with proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1868(B)(intro. para.), (1), and (2), and (C); Adds R.S. 22:1868(B)(5), (D), and (E))