

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 819 by Representative Crews

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1203.1(A)(6), (B), and (M) and to repeal R.S.
4 23:1203.1(C)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete lines 4 through 6 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

7 "compensation medical treatment schedule; to require payment of certain invoices
8 concerning the medical treatment schedule; to provide for the inclusion of the Official
9 Disability Guidelines as the medical treatment schedule under workers' compensation; to
10 provide for burden of proof; to revise"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete line 9 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

13 "Section 1. R.S. 23:1203.1(A)(6), (B), and (M) are hereby amended and reenacted
14 to read"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 1, delete lines 17 through 19 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

17 "(6)(a) "Schedule" means the medical treatment schedule to be developed by the
18 council and promulgated by the office and the assistant secretary or the Official Disability
19 Guidelines (ODG) by MCG, which are evidence-based, medical treatment that is delivered
20 and consistent with either the schedule promulgated by the office and the assistant secretary
21 or a schedule utilizing the ODG.

22 (b) The schedule shall be tacitly approved and not be subject to prior authorization
23 by the employer.

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25 B.(1) The employer shall pay any invoice of the medical provider that is consistent
26 with the schedule, net thirty days of the invoice.

27 (2) The employer may challenge the delivery of care consistent with the schedule.
28 The employer shall show, by clear and convincing evidence, that the care was not medically
29 necessary. The assistant secretary shall, through the office of workers' compensation
30 administration, promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S.
31 49:950 et seq., to establish a medical treatment schedule.

32 (1) Such rules shall be promulgated no later than January 1, 2011.

33 (2) The medical treatment schedule shall meet the criteria established in this Section
34 and shall be organized in an interdisciplinary manner by particular regions of the body and
35 organ systems."

36 AMENDMENT NO. 5

37 On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 6

2 On page 3, line 2, change "R.S. 23:1203.1(B)" to "R.S. 23:1203.1(C)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 7

4 On page 3, after line 2, add the following:

5 "Section 3.(A) If, after two years from the enactment of this Act, there is not a
6 reduction of the average costs of medical care, services, and treatment under the updated
7 medical treatment schedule, which is in conjunction with the Official Disability Guidelines,
8 as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of this Act, the medical treatment schedule shall be
9 developed by the medical advisory council and promulgated by the office of workers'
10 compensation administration and its assistant secretary.

11 (B) The assistant secretary of the office of workers' compensation administration
12 shall promulgate any necessary rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
13 to establish the medical treatment schedule."