

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 291

2026 Regular Session

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INSURANCE/HEALTH: Prohibits health insurers from taking adverse payment or contracting actions against participating facilities based solely on another provider's network status

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Exempts the Office of Group Benefits from the provisions of proposed law.
2. Makes technical changes.

Present law sets requirements for the payment of provider claims and prohibits contractual waivers of present law. Present law provides that violations constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

Proposed law prohibits a health insurance issuer from reducing payments to a participating licensed healthcare facility or from suspending or terminating a provider agreement with the facility solely because another healthcare provider involved in the patient's care is a nonparticipating provider.

Proposed law retains present law prohibiting any contractual provision that waives the statutory requirements governing provider claim payments.

Proposed law retains present law that violations constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

Proposed law exempts the Office of Group Benefits from the provisions of proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 22:1828(D) and (E); Adds R.S. 22:1828(F))