
DIGEST

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HB No. 822

Abstract: Provides that noncontracted healthcare providers of emergency services may not seek payment for the balance of any sum in excess of the amount paid directly to the noncontracted provider by the health insurance issuer for claims resulting emergency services rendered or from an emergency medical condition. Further provides that the healthcare privilege provided in present law does not apply to healthcare providers that have received direct payment from a health insurance issuer for a covered service or claim.

Present law provides a healthcare provider privilege for the fees charged for services or supplies furnished to an injured person out of any recovery the injured person receives by judgment, settlement, or compromise.

Proposed law provides that the healthcare provider privilege does not apply to a healthcare provider who receives direct payment from a health insurance issuer for emergency services provided or for an emergency medical condition.

Present law provides that a health insurance issuer directly pays a claim from a noncontracted healthcare provider rendering emergency services.

Proposed law retains present law but also requires a health insurance issuer directly pay a claim from a noncontracted healthcare provider treating an emergency medical condition.

Proposed law provides that a healthcare provider of emergency services may not obtain a judicial order for the balance of any sum in excess of the amount directly paid to a noncontracted provider by a health insurance issuer for emergency services rendered or for treatment of an emergency medical condition.

(Amends R.S. 9:4752 and R.S. 22:1826)