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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 814 by Representative James

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

MEDICAID: Extends right of Medicaid recovery in cases of third party liability for injury, illness, or death to Medicaid managed care organizations that provide covered services to Medicaid enrollees

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Make technical corrections to citation references.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Required the department or Medicaid managed care organization to be responsible for the pro rata share of the attorney fees.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> provides that in cases of injury, illness, or death that create third party liability or obligate third party payment of damages, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall have a cause of action against such third party to recover medical assistance payments obligated or paid on behalf of the injured, ill, or deceased person in connection with the injury, illness, or death. Provides for notice, pleadings, compromise, and prescription in such recovery cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and extends the right of Medicaid recovery conferred by <u>present</u> <u>law</u> upon DHH to Medicaid managed care organizations.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "Medicaid managed care organization" as any private entity that contracts with DHH to provide Medicaid benefits and services to Medicaid enrollees.

(Amends R.S. 46:446)