
DIGEST

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HB 436 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires health insurance issuers to reimburse the pharmacy or pharmacist for payment of the fee when the pharmacy or pharmacist makes a claim for reimbursement of the fee.

Present law authorizes the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to impose a fee of up to 10¢ per prescription for prescription services provided by the Medicaid program.

Proposed law retains present law and requires health insurance issuers to reimburse pharmacies or pharmacists for the payment of the fee when the pharmacy or pharmacist makes a claim for reimbursement of the fee.

Proposed law shall have no effect to the extent that any sums otherwise certifiable by the state as a component of its share of expenditures in the medical assistance program cannot be certified.

Proposed law provides that failure to reimburse a pharmacist or his agent is an unfair or deceptive trade practice subject to the enforcement authority of the commissioner of insurance, and otherwise enforceable by appropriate regulatory authorities.

(Amends R.S. 46:2625(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove the fee increases.
3. Remove the provision regarding the responsibility for payment of the fees to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.
4. Change the payment procedure from the time and manner required by the La. Insurance Code to not later than the 15th day after the date on which the claim was electronically adjudicated.
5. Add a provision prohibiting the enforcement of proposed law if any part of the state share

of funding for the medical assistance program cannot be certified.

6. Add a provision deeming the failure to reimburse the fee to be an unfair or deceptive trade practice subject to the enforcement authority of the commissioner of insurance.