

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1157 (Substitute for House Bill No. 761 by Representative Stokes)

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medicaid provider claims review process

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:442 and to enact R.S. 46:437.4(A)(4), relative to review of  
3 healthcare provider claims within the Medicaid program; to provide for  
4 reimbursements issued by the Department of Health and Hospitals pursuant to  
5 certain provider claims; to provide relative to recoupment of provider claim  
6 payments; to authorize re-filing of claims in certain circumstances; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:442 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:437.4(A)(4)  
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §437.4. Claims review and administrative sanctions

12 A.

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14 (4) The administrative rules promulgated by the department to implement  
15 the claim review process established pursuant to this Subsection shall provide for  
16 procedures to ensure that providers receive or retain the appropriate reimbursement  
17 amount for claims in which the department determines that services delivered have  
18 been improperly billed but were reasonable and necessary.

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1 §442. Medicaid provider claims; period for filing

2 A. In administering the Medicaid program of this state, the Department of  
3 Health and Hospitals shall not limit the period within which a ~~health care~~ healthcare  
4 provider may submit a claim for payment for a covered service rendered to a  
5 Medicaid program enrollee to less than three hundred sixty-five days from the date  
6 the service was provided.

7 B. In accordance with the provisions of this Section, if a payment for a claim  
8 is recouped by the department, a contractor of the department, or any other entity  
9 acting at the direction or under the authority of the department due to a determination  
10 by the department more than three hundred sixty-five days from the date the service  
11 was provided that the claim was improperly billed but the services were reasonable  
12 and necessary, the department shall ensure that the provider is afforded additional  
13 time to re-file a corrected claim for that portion of the amount recouped to the extent  
14 permitted by federal law.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 1157 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the Medicaid provider claims review process.

Present law requires the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, referred to hereafter as the "department", to establish a process through administrative rulemaking for review of Medicaid provider claims to determine if the claims should be or should have been paid as required by federal or state law or regulation.

Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that the administrative rules relative to the claim review process promulgated pursuant to present law shall provide procedures to ensure that providers receive or retain the appropriate reimbursement amount for claims in which the department determines that services delivered have been improperly billed but were reasonable and necessary.

Present law provides that in administering the Medicaid program, the department shall not limit the period within which a healthcare provider may submit a claim for payment for a covered service rendered to a Medicaid enrollee to less than 365 days from the date the service was provided.

Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that if a payment for a claim is recouped by the department, a contractor of the department, or any other entity acting at the direction or under the authority of the department due to a determination more than 365 days from the date the service was provided that the claim was improperly billed but the services were reasonable and necessary, the department shall ensure that the provider is afforded additional time to re-file a corrected claim for that portion of the amount recouped to the extent permitted by federal law.

(Amends R.S. 46:442; Adds R.S. 46:437.4(A)(4))