

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

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INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides for the payment of health insurance claims prior to the credentialing of a healthcare provider

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(ii), relative to the payment of claims made by  
3 healthcare providers prior to credentialing; to repeal the requirement that a healthcare  
4 provider submit proof of active hospital privileges; to provide for an effective date;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(ii) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §1874. Billing by contracted healthcare providers

10 A.

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12 (5)(a) Under certain circumstances and when the provisions of Subparagraph  
13 (b) of this Paragraph are met, a health insurance issuer contracting with a group of  
14 healthcare providers that bills a health insurance issuer utilizing a group  
15 identification number, such as the group federal tax identification number or the  
16 group National Provider Identifier as set forth in 45 CFR 162.402 et seq., shall pay  
17 the contracted reimbursement rate of the provider group for covered healthcare  
18 services rendered by a new provider to the group, without healthcare provider  
19 credentialing as described in R.S. 22:1009. This provision shall apply in either of  
20 the following circumstances:

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1 (ii) When the health insurance issuer has received the required credentialing  
2 application and information, ~~including proof of active hospital privileges~~, from the  
3 new provider and the issuer has not notified the provider group that credentialing of  
4 the new provider has been denied.

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6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
10 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the requirement to submit proof of active hospital privileges for a new healthcare provider in a group practice who bills an insurer using the group practice's identification number prior to credentialing.

Present law requires, under certain circumstances, a health insurance issuer contracting with a group of healthcare providers that bills the health insurance issuer using a group identification number to pay the contracted reimbursement rate of the provider group for covered healthcare services rendered by a new provider to the group without healthcare provider credentialing in either of the following circumstances:

- (1) The new provider has already been credentialed by the health insurance issuer and the provider's credentialing is still active with the issuer.
- (2) The health insurance issuer has received the required credentialing application and information, including proof of active hospital privileges, from the new provider and the issuer has not notified the provider group that credentialing of the new provider has been denied.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that the new provider submit proof of active hospital privileges.

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

(Amends R.S. 22:1874(A)(5)(a)(ii))