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Proposed law retains present law.

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<u>Present law</u> prohibits a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or their agent from conditioning, denying, restricting, refusing to authorize or approve, or reducing payment to a participating provider for a physician-administered drug when all criteria for medical necessity are met because the participating provider obtains physician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a participating provider in the health insurance issuer's network.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and extends the payment protection to apply to a physician-administered drug that is obtained from a wholesaler, distributor, or other source not selected by the health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager, or their agent.

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

(Amends R.S. 22:1020.53(A)(1))