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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 603  
by Representative FirmentAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2On page 1, delete lines 3 and 4 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "R.S.  
22:1856.1(B)(introductory paragraph), (2)(b), (3)(a), and (7)(a) through (d), relative to  
claims of pharmacies and pharmacists; to provide for the submission of information; to  
provide for preliminary audits; to provide for pharmacy record audits; to provide for notices  
and delivery methods; to provide for extensions;"AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 7 through 19 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 22:1856.1(B)(introductory paragraph), (2)(b), (3)(a), and (7)(a)  
through (d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 9 through 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) Nothing in this Paragraph ~~shall prohibit review of~~ prohibits an entity from reviewing a claim filed by a pharmacy to determine if the claim is payable or is paid correctly. ~~Such~~ In conducting the review, an entity may require the pharmacy to submit ~~submission of~~ prescription copies and other documentation related to the specific claims under review, but shall not require the pharmacy to provide any additional information not related to those specific claims. If an entity requires information pursuant to this Paragraph, the entity shall deliver notice to the pharmacy and the pharmacy shall submit the information to the entity within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the notice. If the pharmacy requests an extension, the pharmacy shall deliver a written request to the entity within fifteen days following receipt of the notice.

(3)(a) The entity ~~or any vendor or subcontractor of the entity~~ which conducts the initial audit shall ~~give~~ provide the pharmacy with written notice at least ~~two weeks~~ fifteen days before conducting the initial audit for each audit cycle. If the entity requests information from the pharmacy, the pharmacy shall respond to the entity within the fifteen days following receipt of the notice. If the pharmacy requests an extension, the pharmacy shall deliver a written request to the entity within fifteen days following receipt of the notice. The entity may grant the extension for good cause. The pharmacy shall deliver any information or a request for an extension through the United States Postal Service or commercial carrier, facsimile or electronic transfer, or personal delivery.

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(7)(a) ~~The~~ An entity shall deliver a preliminary audit report shall be delivered to the pharmacy within ninety days after conclusion of the audit, and shall provide delivery through the methods described in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(b)(i) If an entity reports a discrepancy in the preliminary audit report, the pharmacy shall have fifteen days following receipt of the preliminary audit report to provide documentation to the entity demonstrating that the pharmacy is in compliance with this Subpart. If the pharmacy requests an extension, the pharmacy

1 shall deliver a written request to the entity within fifteen days following receipt of  
2 the notice. The entity may grant the extension for good cause. A pharmacy shall  
3 deliver any documentation or a request for an extension through the methods  
4 described in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

5 ~~(c)~~(ii) Upon receipt of the pharmacy's documentation, the entity shall have  
6 thirty days to review the documentation to determine whether the pharmacy is in  
7 violation of this Subpart. The entity shall provide a written notice of its  
8 determination to the pharmacy. A pharmacy shall be allowed at least thirty days  
9 following receipt of the preliminary audit report in which a notice of an adverse  
10 determination to initiate an appeal, as provided in Subsection E of this Section, to  
11 address any discrepancy found during an audit, as provided in Subsection E of this  
12 Section. If the pharmacy requests an extension, the pharmacy shall deliver a written  
13 request to the entity within thirty days following receipt of the notice of an adverse  
14 determination. The entity may grant an extension for good cause. A pharmacy shall  
15 deliver any documentation or a request for an extension through the methods  
16 described in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

17 (d) ~~☆~~ An entity shall deliver a final audit report shall be delivered to the  
18 pharmacy within one hundred twenty days after the pharmacy's receipt of the  
19 preliminary audit report or notice of determination, or one hundred twenty days after  
20 the pharmacy delivers a notice of appeal, whichever is later."