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<u>Present law</u> provides for definitions regarding pharmacies and pharmacist claims.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes changes to the definition of "health insurance issuer".

Present law provides criteria for entities conducting audits of pharmacy records.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands the criteria to apply to other reviews of records and makes changes to audit procedures.

<u>Present law</u> provides for exemptions from the audit criteria.

Proposed law removes the exemption for quality assurance reviews.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the exemption for investigations involving suspected or alleged fraud, willful misrepresentation, or abuse and requires entities to report those investigations to the Dept. of Insurance.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner to take enforcement action for violations of <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2024.

SB 281 Engrossed

(Amends R.S. 22:1852(7) and 1856.1(B)(intro para) and (B)(2)(b) and (G); adds R.S. 22:1856.1(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

- 1. Makes technical changes.
- 2. Changes the definition of a health insurance issuer.