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DIGEST

Present law provides that the director of the office of workers' compensation shall have the authority to contract with a medical director.

Proposed law retains present law but defines "medical director" to mean a physician who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Is licensed to practice medicine in the state of La.
- (2) Is chosen by the director of the office of workers' compensation as is provided in present law.
- (3) Is a full-time public employee of the office of workers' compensation and will not engage in the practice of medicine outside the office of workers' compensation.

Present law provides that medical treatment owed to the injured employee shall be done in accordance with the medical treatment schedule.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the following medical treatment shall not need the approval of the medical director:

- (1) Routine office visits with the injured worker's treating physician as long as the number of routine office visits is no greater than twelve visits each year.
- (2) The frequency of prescribed physical therapy treatments will not be subject to review by the medical director unless the number of visits prescribed exceeds the total number of visits allowed under the medical treatment schedule.

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(Amends R.S. 23:1203.1(A)(3) and (4) and (I); adds R.S. 23:1203.1(A)(5))