
DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the definition of "fiscal intermediary services" with respect to state information technology procurement.

Present law sets forth the procedures and regulations for state procurement of information technology systems and services. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law with respect to procurement of information technology systems and services restricts "fiscal intermediary services" to contracts for the processing of claims of healthcare providers. Proposed law expands the definition to include, for example, electronic visit verification, third-party liability, financial management, provider management system, care management, healthcare claims and encounter processing, payment integrity, data, warehousing, and pharmacy benefit management.

Present law authorizes multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of healthcare providers. Proposed law authorizes multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services as defined in proposed law.

Present law restricts contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of healthcare providers to terms of one hundred and twenty months. Proposed law authorizes one hundred and twenty-month terms for fiscal intermediary services contracts as defined in proposed law.

Present law authorizes award of a fiscal intermediary services contract upon completion of a competitive selection process outlined in present law. Proposed law provides that such contracts shall be awarded either by competitive sealed proposals, as provided in present law (R.S. 39:1595), or through a cooperative purchase, as provided in present law (R.S. 39:1702).

Present law requires the fiscal intermediary to perform certain functions after the original contract has expired and before a new contract is entered into. These functions include efforts to control fraud and abuse, program reports, encounter data, and enrollment and program information services. Proposed law changes this requirement from mandatory to permissive.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions in present law (R.S. 39:197) as amended by the provisions of proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 39:197(12) and (15) and 198(G)(intro. para.) and (I)(intro. para.), (1), (5), and (9);

Adds R.S. 39:197(19))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Remove "enterprise architecture" from the definition of "fiscal intermediary services" used in proposed law.
2. Remove requirement that fiscal intermediary services contracts be awarded by competitive selection.
3. Require "fiscal intermediary services" contracts to be awarded by either competitive sealed proposals, as provided in present law, or cooperative purchasing, as provided in present law.