

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 194

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Howard

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides a time period after payment of a claim during which an insurer may dispute and recoup the amount paid**

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DIGEST

Present law provides recoupment of health insurance claims payments which includes the reduction, offset, adjustment, or other act to lower or lessen the payment of a claim or any other amount owed to a health care provider for any reason unrelated to that claim or other amount owed to a health care provider. Requires the health insurance issuer to provide the health care provider written notification that includes, among other things, the explanation of the reason for recoupment prior to any recoupment.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a health insurance issuer from retroactively denying, adjusting, or seeking recoupment or refund of a paid claim submitted by a healthcare provider for services rendered in good faith and pursuant to the benefit plan for any reason after the expiration of 18 months from the date the initial claim was paid.

Proposed law shall not be construed to supersede any provision of present law that prescribes a time period less than 18 months for the retroactive denial of payment or recoupment of monies paid for a claim or the reconsideration of the validity of a claim.

(Amends R.S. 22:1838(F); adds R.S. 22:1838(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Extends the time period from one year to 18 months.
2. Clarifies that present law relative to time limits for reviewing a paid claim is subject to the limitation in proposed law.
3. Specifies that the limitation only applies to claims made in good faith and subject to the benefit plan.
4. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes all references to R.S. 22:1834(C).