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Abstract: Provides the assignee of a health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service a right to the privilege against certain proceeds recovered by injured persons, and authorizes delivery by email of the notice of such privilege.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service that furnishes services or supplies to an injured person shall have a privilege for the reasonable charges or fees for such services against the net amount payable to the injured person from another person on account of such injuries, as well as the net amount payable by any insurance company under any contract providing for indemnity or compensation to the injured person.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the assignee of the health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service to the list of entities having a claim to the privilege. Further provides for prospective and retroactive application of <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the privilege shall become effective when notice of the privilege is delivered to certain persons and entities by certified mail or facsimile transmission.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes delivery of the notice by email.

<u>Present law</u> requires the health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service having the privilege to furnish an itemized statement of all charges related to the injured person within 30 days of a written request by any person who receives the notice required by present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> extends this duty to assignees of the health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service having the privilege.

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

(Amends R.S. 9:4752, 4753, and 4755)