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DIGEST

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Proposed law requires if, during the time a health insurance issuer conducts a review or audit for purposes of reconsidering the validity of a claim filed with the issuer a health care provider submits a request either orally or in writing to a health insurance issuer, the health insurance issuer shall provide, within two business days of the request, a copy of all documentation transmitted between the health care provider and the health insurance issuer at no cost to the health care provider. Allows electronic access to the documentation.

Proposed law provides that any health insurance plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, shall not restrict the method of payment from the health insurance issuer or its vendor to the health care provider in which the only acceptable method for health care services rendered requires the health care provider to pay a transaction fee, provider subscription fee, or any other type of fee or cost in order to accept payment from the health insurance issuer.

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer initiating or changing payments to a health care provider using electronic funds transfer payments to notify a health care provider if any fees are associated with a particular payment method and to advise the provider of the available methods of payment and provide instructions to the health care provider as to how to select an alternative payment method that does not require payment of a transaction fee, provider subscription fee, or any other type of fee or cost to accept payment from the health insurance issuer.

Proposed law provides that violations of proposed law are deemed unfair methods of competition and subject to provisions regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices according to present law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 22:1016(A); adds R.S. 22:1828 and 1964(30))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical changes.