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SB 83 Engrossed

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Proposed law provides for the Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH). Proposed law further provides for the membership of the council, terms of the members, meetings of the council, and the required quorum.

Proposed law provides for the following duties of the council:

- (1) Review Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement data and trends and establish a process by which pharmacists can provide information showing that current reimbursement does not cover the reasonable and appropriate cost for a specific pharmaceutical.
- (2) Provide a platform for pharmacists to submit ideas and express concerns and a venue for public testimony on Medicaid reimbursements.
- (3) Make recommendations to the secretary regarding needed changes to Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement policies and procedures including but not limited to enhanced reimbursements for specific pharmaceuticals upon a showing that the current reimbursement does not cover the reasonable and appropriate costs and inhibits patient access to prescribed, medically necessary pharmaceuticals.
- (4) Advise the secretary of LDH on alleged violations committed by Medicaid managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, or any other entity that provides any service related to prescription drug administration or benefits.
- (5) Make annual recommendations to the secretary regarding the implementation and administration of a Medicaid medication therapy management program.
- (6) Any other task related to the Medicaid pharmacy program, including but not limited to Medicaid prescription drug administration, drug rebates, and reimbursement.

Proposed law provides that the Council may consult with health benefit plan issuers, Medicaid managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, wholesale drug distributors, and other interested stakeholders in carrying out the duties required by proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.37)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Require two additional members to be added to the Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement.
2. Establish a licensure provision for certain members of the Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement.
3. Provide additional duties for the Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement to perform relative to reimbursement information provisions and policy and procedure-related recommendations.

4. Provide that the Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement may seek assistance relative to carrying out the duties outlined in proposed law from certain parties.
5. Make technical corrections.