

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 536 (SB 99)**

**2022 Regular Session**

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Prior law authorized a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) to obtain and maintain a permit from the La. Board of Pharmacy (board) if the PBM administered, developed, maintained, performed, or provided one or more enumerated pharmacy services in this state or that affected one or more beneficiaries of a pharmacy benefit management plan administered by the PBM.

New law revises prior law to require, rather than authorize, any PBM meeting the criteria to obtain a permit from the board.

New law authorizes a PBM to file for a hearing before the division of administrative law upon receipt of notice from the board of the board's intention to take certain adverse or disciplinary actions against the PBM. Provides for appeals of decisions resulting from a hearing.

New law shall not be construed to prevent a PBM from proceeding with a hearing before the board or to prevent the board from taking any other action authorized by law or administrative rule that would not result in suspension or termination of the PBM's permit.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:1256(B) and R.S. 40:2868(A)(intro. para.); adds R.S. 37:1256(C) and R.S. 40:2868(C))