
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 198 by Representative Echols

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1034.2(A), (C)(1), (2), and (3), relative to
4 workers' compensation; to provide for adopt of a medical

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, line 4, change "repeal" to "provide"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 5, change "repeal" to "provide"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 6, "calculate" to "promulgate"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 1, delete line 9 in its entirety and insert the following:

13 "Section 1. R.S. 23:1034.2(A), (C)(1), (2), and (3) are hereby amended and
14 reenacted to read as follows:

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 1, delete line 16 in its entirety and insert the following:

17 "and due pursuant to this Chapter and applicable"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 2, line 1, after "C.(1)" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 2 through 6
20 in its entirety and insert the following:

21 "The reimbursement schedule shall include fees based on a foundation of
22 Medicare with variable service aid reimbursement levels that shall be reasonable
23 when compared to the workers' compensation reimbursement schedule of states that
24 surround and have similar characteristics to this state and the reimbursement of
25 private health claims limited to the mean of the usual and customary charges for such
26 care, services, treatments, drugs, and supplies. Any necessary adjustments to the
27 reimbursement schedule adopted and established in accordance with the provisions
28 of this Section may shall be made annually and supported by data and information
29 provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The assistant secretary shall
30 promulgate the initial reimbursement schedule to be effective on January 1, 2026.

31 AMENDMENT NO. 8

32 On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

33 "(2) The assistant secretary shall contract, on or before January 1, 2025, with
34 a nationally recognized neutral, independent consultant having experience in
35 supporting the development and maintenance of workers' compensation fee

1 schedules and the ability to provide data and analysis to inform regulatory decisions
2 have the authority to collect the information and data necessary to calculate the
3 reimbursement schedule. The collection of information and data shall be governed
4 by the following guidelines:

5 (a) ~~The assistant secretary shall create a written survey detailing the~~
6 ~~information requested.~~

7 (b) ~~The survey shall be managed by the office of workers' compensation~~
8 ~~administration in conjunction with an academic institution.~~

9 (c) ~~The information requested shall be based upon data at least six months~~
10 ~~old.~~

11 (d) ~~There shall be a minimum of thirty health care providers reporting data~~
12 ~~upon which each disseminated statistic is based.~~

13 (e) ~~No individual health care provider's data shall represent more than~~
14 ~~twenty-five percent on a weighted basis of each statistic.~~

15 (f) ~~Any information disseminated shall be sufficiently aggregated such that~~
16 ~~it will not allow recipients to identify the prices charged or compensation paid by any~~
17 ~~particular health care providers.~~

18 (3) All information collected or relied upon pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this
19 Subsection shall be confidential and privileged, shall not be public record, and shall
20 not be subject to subpoena. Such confidentiality shall be strictly maintained by the
21 assistant secretary, all employees of the office, and by the academic institution and
22 shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promulgating the workers' compensation
23 reimbursement schedule. Whoever violates this Paragraph shall be guilty of a
24 misdemeanor and fined not more than five hundred dollars for each offense."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 9

26 On page 2, delete line 8 in its entirety