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DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 647)

Proposed law provides for the use of health insurance exchanges by Medicaid managed care plans.

Proposed law provides for legislative findings.

Proposed law provides the Department of Health and Hospitals shall require a Medicaid managed care plan to ensure:

- (1) Hospitals that are providers for a Medicaid managed care plan shall report each enrolled individual's hospital admission, discharge, and transfer data to the appropriate health information exchange for its parish.
- (2) A notification system shall be developed in collaboration with the health information exchanges by which such information is promptly reported to each enrolled individual's primary care providers and managed care plan to improve continuity and coordination of patient care.

Proposed law provides an enrolled individual's hospital admission, discharge, and transfer data shall be reported to the appropriate health information exchange in a uniform manner proscribed by the department through rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law provides the department shall maximize all available federal financial assistance to cover the cost of the reporting and notification required by proposed law.

Furthermore, if there is insufficient funding to cover the costs of the health information exchanges, the Medicaid managed care plans shall pay a charge to the health information exchanges to offset unfunded costs that are associated with the reporting and notification of the enrolled individuals' admission, discharge, and transfer data as required by proposed law.

Proposed law provides the department implement a statewide system of reporting and notification, the health information exchanges located within the state receiving funding from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Greater New Orleans Health Information Exchange, and the Louisiana Health Information Exchange shall provide services to its respective parishes.

- (1) The Greater New Orleans Health Information Exchange shall provide services in the greater New Orleans area, consisting of the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany.

- (2) The Louisiana Health Information Exchange shall provide services in the other parishes of the state.

Proposed law provides the health information exchanges shall coordinate with each other for the implementation of the reporting and notifications.

Proposed law provides a health information exchange shall report to the department on a quarterly basis regarding its implementation of the reporting and notification requirements.

Proposed law provides a health information exchange shall maintain the confidentiality of the hospital admission, discharge, and transfer data and shall only provide such data to the managed care plan and primary care providers of the enrolled individual who is the subject of the report, unless otherwise instructed by the enrolled individual.

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