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Abstract: Prohibits health insurance issuers and pharmacy benefit managers from assessing certain pharmacy claims fees.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a health insurance issuer or a pharmacy benefit manager may not directly or indirectly charge or hold a pharmacist or pharmacy responsible for any fee related to a claim:

- (1) That is not apparent at the time of claim processing.
- (2) That is not reported on the remittance advice of an adjudicated claim.
- (3) After the initial claim is adjudicated.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but clarifies that health insurance issuers and pharmacy benefit managers are prohibited from assessing any fee that meets any of the enumerated criteria.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1860.2(A))