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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Modifies definitions and exempts certain healthcare benefit programs from the requirement of issuing written notice to providers to cease certain behavior.

Present law defines "knowingly and willfully" as continuing with a practice, after written notice to cease such practice from a healthcare benefit program by certified mail, return receipt requested, except when the healthcare provider reasonably believes that such practice materially complies with coding or billing standards as issued by the American Medical Association, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or the La. Medicaid Program.

Proposed law retains present law, but adds that practices continued "knowingly and willfully" may be established by conduct.

Proposed law further adds that a healthcare benefit program provided by a property and casualty insurance policy is not required to send written notice requesting a provider to cease the activity of healthcare fraud.

(Amends R.S. 22:1924(A)(3))