

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law sets forth the procedures and regulations for state procurement of information technology systems and services.

Prior law with respect to procurement of information technology systems and services restricted "fiscal intermediary services" to contracts for the processing of claims of healthcare providers. New law expands the definition of "fiscal intermediary services" to include, for example, electronic visit verification, third-party liability, financial management, provider management system, care management, healthcare claims and encounter processing, payment integrity, data, warehousing, and pharmacy benefit management.

Prior law authorized multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of healthcare providers. New law authorizes multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services as defined in new law.

Prior law restricted contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of healthcare providers to terms of one hundred and twenty months. New law authorizes one hundred and twenty-month terms for fiscal intermediary services contracts as defined in new law.

Prior law authorized award of a fiscal intermediary services contract upon completion of a competitive selection process outlined in existing law. New law provides that such contracts shall be awarded either by competitive sealed proposals, as provided in existing law (R.S. 39:1595), or through a cooperative purchase, as provided in existing law (R.S. 39:1702).

Existing law provides that the fiscal intermediary may be required to perform certain functions after the original contract has expired and before a new contract is entered into. Prior law provided that if these functions were requested, they must include efforts to control fraud and abuse, program reports, encounter data, and enrollment and program information services. New law changes this requirement from mandatory to permissive.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 15, 2021).

(Amends R.S. 39:197(12) and (15) and 198(G)(intro. para.) and (I)(intro. para.), (1), (5), and (9); Adds R.S. 39:197(19))