AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1836(A)(3), relative to health insurance; to prohibit a coordination of benefit provision that permits a plan to delay or deny payment for rendered healthcare services solely on the basis of the insured's failure to provide existence of an additional health benefit plan; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1836(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1836. Coordination of benefits

A. Coordination of benefit requirements adopted by health insurance issuers shall, at a minimum, adhere to the following requirements:

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(3) A coordination of benefit provision shall not be used that permits a plan to pend, delay, or deny payment to a healthcare provider for rendered healthcare services solely on the basis of the insured's failure to provide the health insurance issuer notice of the existence of an additional plan or lack thereof:

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Abstract: Prohibits a coordination of benefit provision that delays or denies payment for rendered healthcare services solely on the basis of the insured's failure to present an additional health benefit plan.

Present law provides standards for coordination of benefits requirements by health insurance issuers. Further authorizes the commissioner of insurance to adopt regulations on the order of benefits payments when a person is covered by two or more health plans. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a coordination of benefit provision that permits a plan to pend, delay, or deny payment to a healthcare provider for rendered healthcare services solely on the basis of the insured's failure to provide the health insurance issuer notice of the existence of an additional plan or lack thereof.

(Adds R.S. 22:1836(A)(3))