AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "22:1020.61" delete the remainder of the line and insert a comma ",".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "certain" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 6 through 13, in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "health care procedures; to provide for the creation of programs for the selective application of prior authorization; to provide for definitions; to provide for development and maintenance of programs seeking to reduce prior authorization requirements related to certain health care services performed by certain health care providers; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "22:1020.61" delete the remainder of the line and insert "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 3 through 29, in their entirety and insert the following:

"§1020.61. Selective application of prior authorization

A. (1) Every health insurance issuer authorized to do business in this state, shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reducing prior authorization requirements that are based on the stratification of health care providers' performance and adherence to evidence-based medicine. The program shall promote quality, affordable health care, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the health insurance issuer and the health care provider. Criteria for participation by health care providers and the health care services included in the program shall be at the sole discretion of the health insurance issuer. A health insurance issuer shall submit to the Louisiana Department of Insurance a filing, in accordance with Subsection B of this Section, concerning the program that includes a full narrative description, the criteria for participation, a listing of the procedures and services subject to selective application of prior authorization and the number of health care providers participating in the program.

(2) For the purposes of this Section, "health insurance issuer" shall have the same meaning as provided for in R.S. 22:1019.1, except that "health insurance issuer" shall not include a dental plan as defined in R.S. 22:1157.

B. The filing shall be in a form and manner provided for by the Louisiana Department of Insurance, promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and shall be submitted initially by July 1, 2023, and each time the health insurance issuer makes a filing in accordance with R.S. 22:571 thereafter.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Delete pages 3 through 11, in their entirety.

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