AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after ")(25)" insert "and (F) and R.S. 42:17.2"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "changes;" insert "to provide for meetings of the advisory council conducted by electronic means;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after ")(25)" insert "and (F)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"F. The advisory council may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2."

Section 2. R.S. 42:17.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§17.2 Exception for meetings of the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council, as provided for in R.S. 40:2869, may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means provided that the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council and its presiding officer comply with all the requirements of this Section.

B. No later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council shall provide for all the following:

(1) The notice and agenda for the meeting, which shall be posted on the website of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Insurance, emailed to any member of the public or the news media who requests notice of meetings of the public body, and widely distributed to every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within the geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body.

(2) Detailed information regarding how members of the public may participate in the meeting and submit comments regarding matters on the agenda, which information shall be posted on the website of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Insurance, emailed to any member of the public or the news media who requests notice of meetings of the public body, and widely distributed to every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within the geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body.
C. For each meeting conducted pursuant to this Section, the following requirements shall apply:

(1) The advisory council shall provide a mechanism to receive public comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting.

(2) The advisory council shall properly identify and acknowledge all public comments during the meeting and shall maintain those comments in its record of the meeting.

(3) The presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure both of the following:

(a) That each person participating in the meeting is properly identified.

(b) That all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting including the public.

D. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Meeting via electronic means" shall mean a meeting occurring via teleconference or video conference.

(2) "Teleconference" shall mean a method of communication which enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to hear and otherwise communicate with each other.

(3) "Video conference" shall mean a method of communication which enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to see, hear, and otherwise communicate with each other.”

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 13, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."