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Present law provides for definitions regarding pharmacies and pharmacist claims.

Proposed law makes changes to the definition of "health insurance issuer".

Present law provides criteria for entities conducting audits of pharmacy records.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands the criteria to apply to other reviews of records and makes changes to audit procedures.

Present law provides for exemptions from the audit criteria.

Proposed law removes the exemption for quality assurance reviews.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the exemption for investigations involving suspected or alleged fraud, willful misrepresentation, or abuse and requires entities to report those investigations to the Department of Insurance.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner to take enforcement action for violations of <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 22:1852(7), 1856.1(B)(intro para), 1856.1(B)(2)(b) and (G); adds R.S. 1856.1(H))