

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 740****2026 Regular Session****Chenevert**

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Provides for independent claims review of Coordinated System of Care providers

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes the definition of Coordinated System of Care.
2. Adds that starting in January 2027 Coordinated System of Care-related payment disputes cannot be forced into arbitration by the state.
3. Adds that if an independent entity reviewer decides a dispute then the independent entity must use the official Coordinated System of Care rules and approved medical guidelines when making decisions.
4. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law defines certain terms.

Proposed law adds a definition for Coordinated System of Care or CSoC.

Proposed law provides that starting in January 2027 Coordinated System of Care-related payment disputes cannot be forced into arbitration by the state.

Proposed law provides that any independent review organization handling disputes shall use the official Coordinated System of Care rules and medical guidelines when making decisions.

Present law provides that an adverse determination involving a litigation or arbitration or that is not associated with a Medicaid enrollee shall not be eligible for independent review.

Present law provides that an adverse determination involved in litigation or arbitration or not associated with a Medicaid enrollee shall not be eligible for independent review under present law.

Proposed law provides that an adverse determination involved in litigation or arbitration or not associated with an individual enrolled in a CSoC or Medicaid shall not be eligible for independent review under present law.

(Amends R.S. 46:460.81 (B) and (C); Adds R.S. 46:460.51(18) and 460.81(E))