

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- (1) Adds definitions.
- (2) Provides for reimbursing certain pharmacies by managed care organizations.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

- (1) Relative to any contract between the Department of Health and Hospitals and a managed care organization that provides for pharmacy reimbursement shall provide for a dispute process for local pharmacies.
- (2) Such dispute review process shall include the following minimal elements:
 - (a) Final review authority shall be retained by the department or by a party agreed upon by the department, the La. Association of Health Plans, and the La. Independent Pharmacies Association.
 - (b) An increased reimbursement if there is a finding that a reimbursement is unreasonable.
 - (c) The department shall define reasonableness in relation to the contractual rate paid by the department to the managed care organization.
- (3) The department shall not amend any contract unless such amendment shall not increase the actuarially sound rate paid as of March 1, 2015.
- (4) After June 15, 2016, no managed care organization shall pay a local pharmacy a per-prescription reimbursement at a rate less than the Medicaid rate unless the department provides a dispute process.
- (5) The full cost for implementing these provisions shall be the responsibility of the department through allocation of existing budget resources and not additional appropriations.