

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.

Senate Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.