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Abstract: Prohibits health insurance issuers and pharmacy benefit managers from assessing certain pharmacy claims fees.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a health insurance issuer or a pharmacy benefit manager from directly or indirectly charging or holding a pharmacist or pharmacy responsible for any fee related to a claim:

- (1) That is not apparent at the time of claim processing.
- (2) That is not reported on the remittance advice of an adjudicated claim.
- (3) After the initial claim is adjudicated.

<u>Proposed law</u> further defines a "pharmacy benefit manager" as a person, other than a pharmacy or pharmacist, who acts as an administrator in connection with pharmacy benefits.

(Adds R.S. 22:1860.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

- 1. Require that prohibited fees be related to a claim.
- 2. Remove fee to participate in a specified provider network from prohibited fees.