HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 434 **2023 Regular Session** **McFarland**

MEDICAID: Provides relative to the state medical assistance program

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds to the list of information required in the quarterly report and requires LDH to report the total number of individuals enrolled in case management who received specialized behavioral health services.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to produce and submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare a report entitled the "Healthy Louisiana Claims Report", which conforms with the requirements of present law.

Proposed law requires the report to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on a quarterly basis and otherwise retains the provisions of present law.

Present law requires LDH to conduct an independent review of claims submitted by healthcare providers to Medicaid managed care organizations and establishes provisions for such a review in accordance with the provisions of present law. Present law further provides that the initial report shall include detailed findings and the defined measures to be reported on a quarterly basis, as well as the data provided in present law. Present law includes any dental Medicaid managed care organization contracted by LDH and separated by claim type.

Proposed law requires a quarterly report to include the data required in accordance with present law by provider type and separately reported for both acute care and behavioral health claims. Proposed law further removes dollar amount requirements from present law and adds the following data requirements to present law:

(1) The total number of denied claims submitted to the managed care organization for reconsideration of the claim denial, excluding a reconsideration conducted pursuant to present law.

(2) The percentage of denied claims submitted to the managed care organization for reconsideration of the claim denial, excluding a reconsideration conducted pursuant to present law, that is overturned by the managed care organization.

(3) The number of denied claims submitted to the managed care organization for appeal of the claim denial.

(4) The percentage of denied claims submitted to the managed care organization for appeal of the claim denial that are overturned by the managed care organization.

(5) The total number of denied claims submitted to the managed care plan for arbitration of the claim denial.

Present law requires the provision of certain data on claims submitted by behavioral health providers based on the date of payment during the 2017 calendar year. Present law also requires the provision of a narrative which present law establishes requirements therefor.

Proposed law removes the requirement of certain data on claims submitted by behavioral health providers based on the date of payment during the 2017 calendar year. Proposed law also removes the narrative requirement.

Present law requires the report to include certain data relating to encounters, including an initial report and subsequent quarterly reports. Proposed law removes those requirements.

Proposed law further requires the quarterly report to include the total number of individuals identified for case management categorized by all of the following:

(1) The method of identification used by the managed care organization.

(2) The reason identified for case management.

(3) The La. Dept. of Health region.

Proposed law requires the quarterly reports to include certain information relating to utilization management categorized by Medicaid managed care organizations.

Proposed law further requires the following data relating to utilization management delineated by Medicaid managed care organizations:

(1) A list of all items and services that require prior authorization.

(2) The percentage of standard prior authorization requests that were approved, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(3) The percentage of standard prior authorization requests that was denied, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(4) The percentage of standard prior authorization requests that were approved after appeal, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(5) The percentage of expedited prior authorization requests that were approved, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(6) The percentage of expedited prior authorization requests that was denied, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(7) The average and median time that elapsed between the submission of a request and a determination by the managed care organization, for standard prior authorizations, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

(8) The average and median time that elapsed between the submission of a request and a decision by the managed care organization for expedited prior authorizations, categorized by type of service for all items and services subject to prior authorization.

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(Amends R.S. 46:460.91)