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ACT No. 317

HOUSE BILL NO. 450

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1203.1(A), (J), (K), and (M) and to enact R.S. 23:1203.1.1, relative to the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule; to provide with respect to the medical advisory council; to provide with respect to the medical director; to provide for an associate medical director; to provide with respect to his qualifications; to provide definitions; to provide for supporting scientific evidence for treatment; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1203.1(A), (J), (K), and (M) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 23:1203.1.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1203.1. ~~Medical Definitions;~~ medical treatment schedule; medical advisory council

A. For use in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless clearly indicated otherwise by the context:

(1) "Associate medical director" means a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana and has been chosen by the director of the office of workers' compensation administration pursuant to R.S. 23:1203.1.1.

(2) "Council" means the medical advisory council appointed by the director of the office of workers' compensation administration.

~~(2)~~ (3) "Director" means the director of the office of workers' compensation administration.

(4) "Medical director" means a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana and has been chosen by the director of the office of workers' compensation administration pursuant to R.S. 23:1203.1.1.

1 M.(1) With regard to all treatment not covered by the medical treatment
2 schedule promulgated in accordance with this Section, all medical care, services, and
3 treatment shall be in accordance with Subsection D of this Section.

4 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, all treatment not
5 specified in the medical treatment schedule and not found in Subsection D of this
6 Section shall be due by the employer when it is demonstrated to the medical director,
7 in accordance with the principles of Subsection C of this Section, that a
8 preponderance of the scientific medical evidence supports approval of the treatment
9 that is not covered.

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11 §1203.1.1. Medical director and associate medical director

12 A. The director shall hire a medical director and an associate medical
13 director to render decisions on disputed cases filed pursuant to R.S. 23:1203.1(J).

14 B. The medical director and associate medical director shall be full-time
15 public employees of the office of workers' compensation administration and shall not
16 engage in the practice of medicine outside the office.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____