AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.36, relative to Medicaid managed care; to provide for ingredient cost reimbursement; to provide for the per-prescription reimbursement rate; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:460.36 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§460.36. Ingredient cost reimbursement; per-prescription dispensing fee

A. A managed care organization may negotiate the ingredient cost reimbursement in its contracts with providers.

B. For the class of pharmacies with fewer than fifteen retail outlets under its corporate umbrella in Louisiana, the managed care organization shall pay a per-prescription reimbursement at a rate no less than the published Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rate for the combination of the ingredient cost and dispensing fee in use for the current approved Medicaid state plan in effect on the date of service unless the department has granted an exception for a provider initiated alternative payment arrangement.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides a managed care organization may negotiate the ingredient cost reimbursement in its contracts with providers.

Proposed law provides a managed care organization shall pay to the class of pharmacies with fewer than fifteen retail outlets under its corporate umbrella in Louisiana a per-prescription reimbursement at a rate no less than the published Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rate for the combination of the ingredient cost and dispensing fee in use for the current approved Medicaid state plan in effect on the date of service unless the department has granted an exception for a provider initiated alternative payment arrangement.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.36)