

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 386

BY SENATOR WARD

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides for payment of medical benefits within 30 days rather than 60 days contingent upon medical providers' adoption and utilization of electronic billing rules and regulations. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1201(E), relative to timely payment of medical bills; to  
3 provide for a shorter time frame for timely payment for providers who utilize the  
4 electronic billing rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 23:1201(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1201. Time and place of payment; failure to pay timely; failure to authorize;  
8 penalties and attorney fees

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10 E.~~(1)~~ Medical benefits payable under this Chapter shall be paid within sixty  
11 days after the employer or insurer receives written notice thereof, **if the provider of**  
12 **medical services is not utilizing the electronic billing rules and regulations**  
13 **provided for in R.S. 23:1203.2.**

14 **(2) For those providers of medical services who utilize the electronic**  
15 **billing rules and regulations provided for in R.S. 23:1203.2, medical benefits**  
16 **payable under this Chapter shall be paid within thirty days after the employer**  
17 **or insurer receives written notice thereof.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

Present law provides that all medical benefits due under the provisions of the workers' compensation system are due within 60 days after the employer or insurer receives written notice.

Proposed law retains present law for those medical providers not utilizing the electronic billing rules and regulations provided for in R.S. 23:1203.2.

Proposed law requires that for those medical providers who avail themselves of the use of the electronic billing rules and regulations, payments shall be due to these providers within 30 days after the employer or insurer receives written notice.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 23:1201(E))