

SENATE BILL NO. 386

BY SENATOR WARD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1201(E) and to enact R.S. 23:1203.2(D), relative to timely
3 payment of medical bills; to provide for a shorter time frame for timely payment for
4 providers who utilize the electronic billing rules and regulations; to provide relative
5 to the adoption of rules and regulations relative to medical billing and payment; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 23:1201(E) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 23:1203.2(D)
9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1201. Time and place of payment; failure to pay timely; failure to authorize;
11 penalties and attorney fees

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

17 **(2) For those providers of medical services who utilize the electronic**
18 **billing rules and regulations provided for in R.S. 23:1203.2, medical benefits**
19 **payable under this Chapter shall be paid within thirty days after the employer**
20 **or insurer receives a complete electronic medical bill, as defined by rules**
21 **promulgated by the Louisiana Workforce Commission.**

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23 §1203.2. Electronic medical billing and payment

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25 **D. Nothing shall prohibit the director from promulgating and adopting**
26 **rules and regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act,**
27 **R.S. 49:950 et seq., regarding the development and implementation of a**

1 **centralized data warehouse for the collection of medical billing and payment**
2 **data.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____