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A. General Guidelines

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**a. Surgical implants are provided for injured workers in surgical cases from original manufacturers, stocking distributors, authorized distributors, group distributors, and independent distributors permitted to operate within the state of Louisiana. The place of service for these implants is typically an in-office operatory within the provider or provider groups practice, ambulatory surgery center, or hospital. Plastic, metallic, ceramic, or other implantable devices or non-autogenous graft materials ordered and purchased by a provider, provider's practice, hospital, or ambulatory surgery center shall be reimbursed at the bill price plus twenty percent. That bill price shall be generated by the provider, provider's practice, distributor, manufacturer, hospital, or ambulatory surgery center and sent directly to the workers' compensation carrier. The bill price must be submitted with the cost of the material, either from the original manufacturer or the authorized distributor to the carrier to pay the claim pursuant to R.S. 23:1201.**

**b. "Bill price" means the cost of the material from the original manufacturer or the authorized distributor's stated list price as of the date of the procedure, irrespective of group purchasing, negotiated discounts, and rebates. This cost and relationship amongst providers, practices, hospitals, surgery centers, distributorships, and manufacturers is proprietary and confidential to all parties. The bill price is the final price that the carrier is responsible to pay for the claim pursuant to R.S. 23:1201. The bill price cannot be subject to further scrutiny, subpoena, or delay tactics from the carrier, nor can a third party reprocessor or repricing company be used to underpay, untimely pay, or negotiate the rates of that bill price or offer anything other than the carrier's payment of the claims listed on the bill price plus twenty percent pursuant to R.S. 23:1201. This is clarification language as it pertains to the billing and remittance of surgical implants with carriers pursuant to R.S.**

