

ACT No. 555

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, HUNTER, HUVAL, PIERRE, RITCHIE, AND THIBAUT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1827, relative to health insurance coverage; to prohibit a provider of
3 healthcare services from refusing to submit a claim to a health insurance issuer under
4 certain circumstances; to define certain terms; to provide that certain conflicting
5 provisions in agreements between a provider of healthcare services and a health
6 insurance issuer shall be deemed null and void; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:1827 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1827. Submission of health insurance claims

10 A. No healthcare provider that accepts a patient's health insurance coverage
11 shall require an enrollee or insured to consent to payment for healthcare services as
12 a condition for verification of health insurance coverage for such healthcare services.

13 B. For purposes of this Section:

14 (1) "Healthcare services" means services, items, supplies, or drugs for the
15 diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury,
16 or disease.

17 (2) "Health insurance coverage" means benefits consisting of medical care
18 provided or arranged for directly, through insurance or reimbursement, or otherwise,
19 and includes healthcare services paid for under any plan, policy, or certificate of
20 insurance.

21 (3) "Health insurance issuer" means any entity that offers health insurance
22 coverage through a policy or certificate of insurance subject to state law that
23 regulates the business of insurance. For purposes of this Subpart, a "health insurance
24 issuer" shall include a health maintenance organization, as defined and licensed
25 pursuant to Subpart I of Part I of Chapter 2 of this Title, nonfederal government

1 plans subject to the provisions of Subpart B of this Part, and the Office of Group
2 Benefits.

3 C. Any provision in an agreement between a provider of healthcare services
4 and a health insurance issuer that conflicts with the provisions of this Section shall
5 be deemed null and void.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____