

Amend **SB 1804**, by adding a new Section 2 to the bill and renumbering the subsequent subsection accordingly:

SECTION 2. Section 413.031, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) In performing a review of medical necessity under Subsection (d) or (e), the independent review organization shall consider the commission's health care reimbursement policies and guidelines adopted under Section 413.011 if those policies and guidelines are raised by one of the parties to the dispute. If the independent review organization's decision is contrary to the commission's policies or guidelines adopted under Section 413.011, the independent review organization must indicate in the decision the specific basis for its divergence in the review of medical necessity. This subsection does not prohibit an independent review organization from considering the payment policies adopted under Section 413.011 in any dispute, regardless of whether those policies are raised by a party to the dispute.