

Amend CSHB 528 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

SECTION 2. Sections 408.028(f) and (g), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the commissioner by rule shall adopt a fee schedule for pharmacy and pharmaceutical services that will:

(1) provide reimbursement rates that are fair and reasonable;

(2) assure adequate access to medications and services for injured workers; ~~and~~

(3) minimize costs to employees and insurance carriers; and

(4) take into consideration the increased security of payment afforded by this subtitle.

(g) Section 413.011(d) and the rules adopted to implement that subsection do not apply to the fee schedule adopted by the commissioner under Subsection (f). ~~[Insurance carriers must reimburse for pharmacy benefits and services using the fee schedule as developed by this section, or at rates negotiated by contract.]~~

(2) Strike SECTION 4 of the bill (page 7, line 20).

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.