

Amend CSHB 7 on page 125, line 12 by inserting a new Section 408A.0071 to read as follows:

"408A.0071. FEE SCHEDULE FOR PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the department by rule shall adopt a fee schedule for pharmacy and pharmaceutical services which will:

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

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

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

(4) prospectively resolve uncertainty existing upon the effective date of this amendment regarding the application of the requirements of this title to fees for medications and pharmacy services, including whether and how to apply the requirements of sections 413.011, 413.043, 415.005.

(b) Insurance carriers and health care provider networks must reimburse for pharmacy benefits and services using the fee schedule as developed by this section, or at rates negotiated in advance by contract."