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#### DIGEST

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, an insured, beneficiary, subscriber, or enrollee shall have the right to assign in writing any health insurance benefits payable to a health care provider, including a health care facility, which files claims with a health insurance issuer for medical services provided to the insured.

Proposed law further requires health insurance issuers, including HMOs, to recognize such assignment of benefits to a health care provider and forbids issuers from prohibiting the assignment of benefits.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:683)