INSURANCE CLAIMS. Requires health insurance coverage for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) diagnostic testing. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1057, relative to insurance coverage for COVID-19; to require coverage of testing for COVID-19; to prohibit application of cost-sharing provisions; to define key terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1057 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1057. Coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing

A. No health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall deny coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing.

B. Any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall include coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing.

C. The coverage required in this Section shall not be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or any other out-of-pocket or cost-sharing expense provisions.

D. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

"Health coverage plan" means any hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract, or other agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type in this state, including a group insurance plan, a self-insurance plan, and the Office of Group Benefits programs. "Health coverage plan" shall not include a plan providing coverage for excepted benefits as defined in R.S. 22:1061, limited benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies that have a term of less than twelve months.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.