

SENATE BILL NO. 27

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1) and (2), relative to the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee; to provide for committee composition; to provide for committee diversity; to provide for nominating entities; to provide for filling of vacancies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§153.3. Medical vendor reimbursements; allowable restrictions; peer-based prescribing and dispensing practice patterns; Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee

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D.(1) The Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the committee", is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of Health. The committee shall be composed of ~~twenty-one~~ **fifteen** members appointed by the governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation. ~~The committee shall be representative of the state's geographic and demographic composition, including women and minorities.~~ **The governor shall ensure that appointments achieve race, gender, and geographic diversity.**

(2)**(a)** Each nominating organization shall certify by affidavit that the practice of each nominee involves either the care of or the supervision of the care of ~~no less than one hundred~~ Medicaid recipients. The committee shall be comprised of the following persons:

~~(a)(i)~~ **(i)** One physician with expertise in the area of pharmacology representing **nominated by** the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

~~(b)(ii)~~ **(ii)** One physician with expertise in the area of pharmacology representing

1 nominated by Tulane University School of Medicine.

2 ~~(c) One practicing physician who is participating in the Title XIX program~~
3 ~~as a family practitioner recommended by the Louisiana State Medical Society.~~

4 ~~(d) One practicing physician who is participating in the Title XIX program~~
5 ~~as an internal medicine specialist recommended by the Louisiana State Medical~~
6 ~~Society.~~

7 ~~(e) One practicing physician who is participating in the Title XIX program~~
8 ~~as a pediatrician recommended by the Louisiana State Medical Society.~~

9 ~~(f) One practicing physician who is participating in the Title XIX program~~
10 ~~as a surgeon recommended by the Louisiana State Medical Society.~~

11 ~~(g) One practicing physician who is participating in the Title XIX program~~
12 ~~as an obstetrics/gynecologist recommended by the Louisiana State Medical Society.~~

13 ~~(h) Two practicing physicians who are participating in the Title XIX program~~
14 ~~recommended by the Louisiana Medical Association.~~

15 **(iii) Four physicians nominated by the Louisiana State Board of Medical**
16 **Examiners.**

17 ~~(i)~~**(iv)** One pharmacist representing **nominated by the** University of
18 Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy.

19 ~~(j)~~**(v)** One pharmacist representing **nominated by the** Xavier University of
20 Louisiana School of Pharmacy.

21 ~~(k)~~**(vi)** Two practicing pharmacists ~~who are participating in the Title XIX~~
22 ~~drug program~~ **nominated by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.** One pharmacist
23 shall be an independent pharmacist ~~recommended by the Louisiana Independent~~
24 ~~Pharmacies Association~~ and one pharmacist shall be a pharmacist representing a
25 chain pharmacy ~~recommended by the Louisiana Pharmacists Association.~~

26 ~~(l)~~**(vii)** The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.

27 ~~(m)~~**(viii)** The director of the Medicaid program in the Louisiana Department
28 of Health or his designee.

29 ~~(n)~~**(ix)** The president of the Senate or the president's designee.

30 ~~(o)~~**(x)** The speaker of the House of Representatives or the speaker's designee.

