

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Requires healthcare providers to document a diagnosis of sickle cell disease on immunization records in certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:31.12(3)(h), relative to immunization records; to report a sickle cell disease
3 diagnosis in certain circumstances; to establish procedures to obtain patient consent
4 prior to reporting; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:31.12(3)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §31.12. Definitions

8 As used in this Part, the following definitions shall apply:

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10 (3) "Immunization record" means a client's medical record related to the
11 client's receipt of immunizations. An immunization record shall only include:

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13 (h) A healthcare provider's certification of a sickle cell disease diagnosis.
14 A provider shall obtain the consent of a client or the parent or guardian of a client
15 under the age of eighteen prior to documenting any medical condition on the client's
16 immunization record.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Directs a healthcare provider to document a preexisting sickle cell disease diagnosis on a patient's immunization record.

Present law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to maintain a record of all immunizations an individual receives.

Proposed law provides a location for healthcare providers to designate a sickle cell disease diagnosis after obtaining the consent of the patient or, if the patient is a minor, the consent of the patient's parent or guardian.

(Adds R.S. 40:31.12(3)(h))