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<u>Present law</u> requires a health insurance issuer to provide a health benefit plan that meets certain requirements in order to ensure that all healthcare services are accessible without an unreasonable delay. <u>Present law</u> requires a health insurance issuer's health benefit plan to cover emergency services and any ancillary emergency healthcare services for covered persons 24 hours per day, seven days a week. <u>Present law</u> further requires the health insurance issuer comply with certain criteria provided by present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires health insurance issuers to provide healthcare services 24 hours per day, seven days a week for a covered person diagnosed with a disease or condition by a licensed healthcare provider that requires life-sustaining treatments, including but not limited to chemotherapy, radiotherapy, dialysis, and heart surgery, when the covered person is forced to temporarily relocate out-of-state as a result of the governor declaring a state of emergency under present law for a named storm.

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

(Amends R.S. 22:1019.2(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Provides examples of life-sustaining treatments.