

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 897

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HEALTH: Provides relative to protecting healthcare data

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:972.1(G) and (H), relative to Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care  
3 Initiative; to protect healthcare data; to provide for definitions; to establish  
4 procedures to obtain and revoke consent to share information; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:972.1(G) and (H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §972.1. Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative

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10 G.(1) The general contractor and subcontractors shall not disclose to any  
11 entity or individual a client's name or any protected health information that could  
12 reasonably be linked with an individual client, without the written permission of the  
13 client for that specific disclosure of information.

14 (2) Prior to obtaining written permission for the disclosure of information,  
15 the general contractor and subcontractors shall provide the client with a clear and  
16 understandable privacy notice, including all of the following:

17 (a) The specific purpose for disclosing the information to a third party.

18 (b) The specific types of information to be disclosed.

19 (c) The third parties who might or will receive the information.

1           (3) The general contractor and subcontractors shall provide a simple  
2           mechanism for a client to revoke any consent for the disclosure of information.

3           (4) Within ten business days of a client's request, the general contractor and  
4           subcontractors shall provide to a client, without charge, a copy of all of that client's  
5           records possessed by the center.

6           (5) This Section does not prohibit a general contractor and subcontractors  
7           from disclosures that maintain the confidentiality of individual clients' personal  
8           information, such as the numbers of clients who have been provided with particular  
9           goods or services.

10           H.(1) The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services may  
11           determine that a violation of this provision constitutes grounds for ineligibility,  
12           suspension, termination, or nonrenewal of any contract, grant, or cooperative  
13           endeavor agreement entered into with the department.

14           (2) Any action taken pursuant to this Section shall be in accordance with  
15           applicable state contracting laws, rules, and procedures, including notice and an  
16           opportunity to cure or respond.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the protection of data for individual utilizing services provided by the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative.

Present law creates the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a statewide program to promote childbirth and provide pregnancy, parenting, and adoption support services.

Present law makes services available to pregnant women, biological fathers of unborn children, parents or guardians of children up to 36 months old, participants who have experienced the loss of a child, and immediate family members of participating parents.

Present law requires the department to contract with a single nonprofit organization to serve as general contractor to manage the program and subcontract with existing nonprofit providers on a fee-for-service basis and prohibits the general contractor from providing direct client services.

Present law limits program-funded services to counseling or mentoring, referrals, educational classes, and material assistance intended to improve pregnancy or parenting outcomes.

Proposed law prohibits the general contractor and subcontractors from disclosing a client's name or protected health information without the client's written permission for the specific disclosure.

Proposed law requires the general contractor and subcontractors, before obtaining written consent, to provide a clear privacy notice explaining the purpose of the disclosure, the specific information to be disclosed, and the third parties who may receive the information.

Proposed law requires the general contractor and subcontractors to provide a simple method for clients to revoke consent to disclose their information.

Proposed law requires the general contractor and subcontractors to provide a client, upon request and at no cost, a copy of all records possessed by the contractor within ten business days.

Proposed law allows the disclosure of aggregated or de-identified information that maintains client confidentiality.

Proposed law authorizes DCFS to treat violations of these confidentiality provisions as grounds for contract ineligibility, suspension, termination, or nonrenewal.

Proposed law requires that any enforcement action be taken in accordance with applicable state contracting laws, including notice and an opportunity to cure or respond.

(Adds R.S.46:972.1(G) and (H))