

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 774

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to insurance coverage for hearing aids

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1038(C)(1), relative to health insurance; to provide hearing
3 aid coverage for certain individuals; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 22:1038(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1038. Hearing aid coverage

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8 C.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 22:1047 to the contrary, an
9 entity subject to this Section shall provide coverage for hearing aids for ~~a child under~~
10 ~~the age of eighteen~~ an individual twenty-six years of age and under who is covered
11 under a policy or contract of insurance if the hearing aids are fitted and dispensed by
12 a licensed audiologist or licensed hearing aid specialist following medical clearance
13 by a physician licensed to practice medicine and an audiological evaluation
14 medically appropriate to the age of the ~~child~~ individual.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the age requirement for hearing aids covered under an individual's insurance policy, contract, program, or plan.

Present law requires hearing aid coverage for children under 18.

Proposed law changes the age requirement from 18 to 26 for hearing aids covered under a an individual's insurance policy, contract, program, or plan.

(Amends R.S. 22:1038(C)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.