

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 250 by Senator McMath

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "enact R.S. 42:855" and insert "amend and reenact R.S.
3 42:802(A)(9) and to enact R.S. 42:851(W), 855, and 855.1"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "Benefits;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to provide for
6 a comprehensive weight management plan; to provide for covered services; to provide
7 relative to premiums; to provide for notification requirements; and"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 6, delete "R.S. 42:855 is" and insert "R.S. 42:802(A)(9) is hereby amended
10 and reenacted and R.S. 42:851(W), 855, and 855.1 are"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

13 §802. Powers and duties; Office of Group Benefits

14 A.

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16 (9) To administer or provide for the administration of an Internal Revenue
17 Service qualified cafeteria plan, **including any weight management plan, if**
18 **applicable**. The plan shall be developed, negotiated, and implemented by the office
19 subject to approval of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature having
20 jurisdiction over review of agency rules of the Office of Group Benefits as
21 designated by R.S. 49:966(B)(21)(c) or the subcommittee on oversight of such
22 standing committees. The provisions of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the
23 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 shall not apply.

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25 §851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of
26 premiums

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28 **W. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any enrollee**
29 **or dependent enrolled in a comprehensive weight management plan offered by**
30 **the Office of Group Benefits shall pay one hundred percent of the premium for**
31 **the weight management plan.**

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33 AMENDMENT NO. 5

34 On page 1, delete lines 8 through 13 and insert the following:

35 **"A. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Office of Group Benefits shall offer**
36 **enrollment in a comprehensive weight management plan to plan participants**
37 **for enrollees and dependents. Any such plan shall include the following**
38 **comprehensive weight management and metabolic health services:**

39 **(1) FDA-approved medications.**

40 **(2) Metabolic health therapies compounded in compliance with 21 USC**
41 **353a and b.**

42 **(3) Medical evaluations.**

43 **(4) Prescribing oversight.**

44 **(5) Follow-up care.**

1 (6) Related support services.

2 (7) Longitudinal metabolic health outcome measurements.

3 B. Enrollment shall be voluntary and shall not be a condition of
4 enrollment in any health benefit plan.

5 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any health
6 benefit plan administered by the Office of Group Benefits to alter existing
7 medical necessity standards, utilization management protocols, or formulary
8 requirements.

9 §855.1. Weight loss medications; notification to enrollees

10 A. No later than October 1, 2026, the Office of Group Benefits shall
11 notify all enrollees of available options for direct purchasing of FDA-approved
12 medications through pharmaceutical manufacturers.

13 B. The Office of Group Benefits shall provide the notification by posting
14 information on its website and by electronic distribution.

15 C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any enrollee or
16 dependent in the Office of Group Benefits plans who purchases a weight loss
17 pharmaceutical product directly through a pharmaceutical manufacturer shall
18 pay one hundred percent of the cost of the medications."