

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

INSURANCE: Prohibits prior authorizations requirements for certain generic medications prescribed by qualified physicians

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1060.1(9) through (12) and 1060.9, relative to prior authorizations for
3 medications: to provide for requirements for certain generic medications prescribed
4 by qualified physicians; to provide for definitions; to require health insurance
5 coverage for medication; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:1060.1 (9) through (12) and 1060.9 are hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §1060.1. Definitions

11 As used in this Subpart, the following definitions apply:

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13 (9) "Board-certified physician" means a physician licensed to practice
14 medicine in this state who is certified by a member board of the American Board of
15 Medical Specialties or an equivalent certifying body recognized by the Louisiana
16 State Board of Medical Examiners.

17 (10) "Commercial insurer" means any health insurance issuer, health
18 maintenance organization, or other entity that offers a health benefit plan through a
19 policy, contract, or certificate of insurance that covers prescription drugs and is
20 authorized to provide health insurance coverage in this state, excluding federal, state,
21 or local governmental plans such as Medicaid.

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2027. Proposed law requires any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2027, to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2028.

(Adds R.S. 22:1060.1(9)-(12) and 1060.9)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add to the commercial insurer prohibition that generic medications that are not opioids do not require a prior authorization when prescribed and the wholesale acquisition cost is no more than \$250 per prescription.
2. Prohibit Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring a prior authorization for generic medications when prescribed by an authorized provider whose specialty certification includes the medical indication for which the drug is prescribed.
3. Make technical changes.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove Medicaid managed care organizations from proposed law.
2. Make technical changes.