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DIGEST

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Proposed law requires Medicaid coverage for FDA-approved weight loss medications that are medically necessary and prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider for Medicaid recipients that meet the coverage criteria established by the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law allows prior authorization as determined by the department.

Proposed law prohibits step therapy requirements for coverage of the weight loss medications.

Proposed law requires the department to implement weight loss coverage in a manner that ensures fiscal sustainability consistent with federal requirements.

Proposed law provides that implementation of proposed law is subject to appropriation.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.38)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes the eligibility criteria.

2. Makes implementation of proposed law subject to appropriation.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Deletes eligibility criteria and instead allows the department to establish the criteria.

2. Changes prior authorization to be determined by the department.

3. Deletes coverage limitations.

4. Removes the limitations on the department imposing additional restrictions beyond those provided for in proposed law.

5. Makes technical changes.