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DIGEST

SB 155 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Talbot

Present law requires healthcare insurance to provide coverage for treatments related to cancer. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires healthcare insurance to provide coverage for medically necessary dental procedures as part of a pre-treatment medical clearance protocol for an insured diagnosed with cancer.

Proposed law requires coverage for evaluation, imaging, clinical examination, and dental extractions that are medically necessary to reduce or eliminate infection or to treat tooth loss or decay as part of a pre-cancer treatment screening.

Proposed law requires the services to be covered when performed as part of a pre-treatment medical clearance protocol for insureds scheduled to undergo cancer treatment.

Proposed law clarifies that a healthcare insurer is not required to provide coverage for routine dental care.

Proposed law excludes certain plans providing coverage for excepted benefits, limited benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies with a term of less than twelve months from the provisions of proposed law.

Applicable to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on or after Jan. 1, 2027.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Limit coverage to dental services performed as part of a pre-treatment medical clearance protocol.

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

1. Remove provision requiring coverage for certain dental procedures to reduce the risk of infection or teeth loss as a result of cancer treatment.
2. Remove provision requiring coverage for an obturator for treatment of an insured with a defective oral cavity as a result of cancer treatment.
3. Remove provision requiring coverage for laboratory assessments, medications, and treatments.
4. Require coverage for dental extractions that are medically necessary to reduce or eliminate infection or to treat tooth loss or decay as part of a pre-cancer treatment screening.
5. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Improve readability of proposed law.
2. Clarify that proposed law does not apply to certain insurance plans or policies.