

SENATE BILL NO. 464

BY SENATOR BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1047(B), relative to coverage for severe obesity treatment;  
3 to provide for cost calculations; to provide for duties of the Department of Insurance;  
4 to provide for legislative appropriations; to provide for changes to minimum  
5 coverage standards; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:1047(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1047. Required coverage for severe obesity treatment

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11 B.(1) ~~Subsections C, D, E, and F of this Section shall apply only to a health~~  
12 ~~insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state to the extent that services~~  
13 ~~are covered by the Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan selected by the state~~  
14 ~~in accordance with applicable federal regulations. No later than August 1, 2026,~~  
15 ~~and annually thereafter, each insurer offering a health coverage plan that meets~~  
16 ~~the definition of a "qualified health plan" as defined in 42 U.S.C. 18021 shall~~  
17 ~~submit to the Department of Insurance an estimate, produced by a member of~~  
18 ~~the American Academy of Actuaries and in accordance with generally accepted~~  
19 ~~actuarial principles and methodologies, of the cost to provide the benefits~~  
20 ~~required by this Section for calendar year 2028, and subsequent years~~  
21 ~~thereafter. Unless otherwise modified by the commissioner, such estimate shall~~  
22 ~~include all cost elements including expected volumes of services per~~  
23 ~~member-month, the assumed population, and both an aggregate and~~  
24 ~~per-member per-month estimate.~~



1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_