

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides legislative intent relative to the importance of prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney disease.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to conduct an annual review of all medications and forms of treatment for chronic and rare kidney diseases and services for enrollees with a diagnosis of chronic or rare kidney disease that are eligible for coverage under Medicaid.

New law requires LDH to examine and pursue strategic partnerships with state-based entities that represent or provide services to individuals living with chronic and rare kidney diseases for the purpose of increasing education, awareness, and diagnostic screening for chronic and rare kidney diseases.

New law requires LDH to submit an annual report to the Senate president, the speaker of the House, and the committees on health and welfare beginning July 1, 2027, that details LDH's findings from the annual review and any recommendations to the legislature.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 46:450.5.1)