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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1055, relative to the requirement for health insurance coverage of diagnosis and treatment for temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and neurology; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1055 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1055. Requirement for coverage of diagnosis and treatment for temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and neurology

A. Every hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy in the large group market as defined in R.S. 22:1091(B), delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall include coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical procedures related to the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and associated musculature and neurological conditions. This Section shall not apply to coverage provided by the Office of Group Benefits.

B. The coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical procedures related to temporomandibular joint and associated musculature and neurological conditions shall be subject to the same conditions, limitations, precertification, prior authorization, referral procedures, copayment, and coinsurance provisions that apply to coverage for diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical procedures involving other bones or joints of the human skeleton.

C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all new policies, plans, certificates, and contracts issued on or after January 1, 2018. Existing policies, plans, certificates, and contracts shall include the coverage required by this Section on renewal thereof, but in no case later than January 1, 2019.

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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____