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DIGEST

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Barrow

Proposed law defines "severe obesity" as a body mass index (BMI) of at least 40 or a BMI of at least 35 along with comorbidity or existing medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes.

Proposed law requires the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to offer a provision stating that benefits shall be payable for the treatment of severe obesity through gastric bypass surgery, sleeve gastrectomy, duodenal switch, SADI, or other methods recognized by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery as effective for the long-term reversal of severe obesity.

Proposed law provides that the OGB programs shall require hospitals and physicians to obtain and maintain accreditation from The American College of Surgeons Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program.

Proposed law provides that the coverage of bariatric surgery shall require prior authorization.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 42:860)