

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD AND LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart E of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
3 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1248.21, relative to the dispensation of
4 contraceptives; to provide for the Louisiana Department of Health relative to
5 requiring health plans of the state Medicaid program to provide reimbursement for
6 a six-month supply of contraceptive drugs dispensed at one time; to provide for a
7 required usage period; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Subpart E of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised
11 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1248.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 SUBPART E. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES

13 §1248.21. Dispensation of contraceptive drugs; six-month supply; coverage

14 A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall require all Medicaid health
15 plans issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, to include the
16 dispensing of a six-month supply of contraceptive drugs to be obtained at one time
17 by the insured, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescribing
18 provider instructs for the insured to receive a smaller supply. The insured shall have
19 used the same contraceptive drugs for at least the consecutive six months prior to
20 receiving a six-month supply. Contracts with managed care plans shall allow the
21 insured to receive onsite dispensing of the prescribed contraceptive drugs at family
22 practice clinics, if available. Dispensing practices shall follow all licensing and

1 clinical guidelines for appropriate prescribing and dispensing to ensure the health of
2 the insured while maximizing access to effective contraceptive drugs.

3 B. For purposes of this Section, "contraceptive drugs" means all drugs
4 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used to
5 prevent pregnancy including but not limited to hormonal drugs administered orally,
6 transdermally, and intravaginally.

7 C. Nothing in this Section shall apply to any drug, medicine, or other
8 substance prescribed, dispensed, or distributed that is intended to induce an abortion.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____