

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 241

BY SENATOR TALBOT

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides relative to coverage of certain physician-administered drugs. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1020.53(A)(1), relative to physician-administered drugs; to
3 provide for insurance reimbursement for physician-administered drugs from certain
4 sources; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1020.53(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §1020.53. Physician-administered drugs; access; payment

9 A.(1) A health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or their agent
10 shall not refuse to authorize, approve, or pay a participating provider for providing
11 covered physician-administered drugs and related services to covered persons. A
12 health insurance issuer shall not condition, deny, restrict, refuse to authorize or
13 approve, or reduce payment to a participating provider for a physician-administered
14 drug when all criteria for medical necessity are met; because the participating
15 provider obtains physician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a
16 participating provider in the health insurance issuer's network **or from a wholesaler,**
17 **distributor, or other source not selected by the health insurance issuer,**

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits a health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, or their agent from conditioning, denying, restricting, refusing to authorize or approve, or reducing payment to a participating provider for a physician-administered drug when all criteria for medical necessity are met because the participating provider obtains physician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a participating provider in the health insurance issuer's network.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the payment protection to apply to a physician-administered drug that is obtained from a wholesaler, distributor, or other source not selected by the health insurance issuer, pharmacy benefits manager, or their agent.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1020.53(A)(1))