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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires health insurers, including Medicaid provider organizations, to cover amino acid-based elemental formulas for infants and children with certain diagnoses.

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans that provide benefits for maternity services to provide coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas, regardless of formula delivery method, if a treating physician issues a written order stating that the formula is medically necessary to treat an infant or child for certain mediated allergies to food proteins or other certain disorders affecting the absorptive abilities of the gastrointestinal tract. Extends coverage requirements to Medicaid programs.

Proposed law authorizes health coverage plans and Medicaid provider organizations to apply annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, or other established cost-sharing mechanisms.

Proposed law requires coverage on a basis no less favorable than the basis on which prescription drugs and other medications and related services are covered, and to the same extent that coverage is provided for drugs that are available only on the orders of a physician.

Proposed law authorizes a utilization review agent acting on behalf of a health benefit plan issuer or Medicaid provider organization to review a treating physician's determination of the medical necessity of the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula for the treatment of a covered infant or child who is diagnosed pursuant to proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13)