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DIGEST

SB 182 Reengrossed

2025 Regular Session

Talbot

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to suspend prior authorization requirements for Medicaid during a declared emergency to ensure uninterrupted access to medically necessary health care.

Proposed law requires Medicaid to reimburse providers for medically necessary drugs, services, equipment, supplies, and therapies provided to Medicaid recipients during the emergency without requiring prior authorization.

Proposed law requires Medicaid to reimburse any out-of-state provider that provided essential care to a La. Medicaid recipient who evacuated out-of-state without requiring prior authorization.

Proposed law requires the Medicaid managed care organizations to notify Medicaid recipients of prior authorization suspensions, uninterrupted care access, and rights during emergencies.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.76.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Expand the covered medical care from cancer treatment to all medically necessary care.
2. Make technical changes.