
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 174 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 5, change "on" to "an"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1121.21" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and
5 to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 3, delete "syphilis;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, line 5, after "date;" insert "to provide for screening of pregnant women for
10 substance use disorder;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 1, line 7, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:1123.5 is hereby enacted"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2, at the end of line 10, delete "**licensed**"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 7

16 On page 2, delete line 11 and insert "**primary, treating healthcare provider who provides**
17 **routine prenatal care, services, or screening to a pregnant woman shall provide HIV**
18 **and**"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 8

20 On page 2, line 12, after "**tests**" change "**for**" to "**to**" and after "**woman's**" change "**first**" to
21 "**initial**"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 9

23 On page 2, line 13, delete "**physician**" and insert "**healthcare provider during the**
24 **woman's first trimester**"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 10

26 On page 2, line 14, after "**care**" insert "**visit**" and change "**physician**" to "**healthcare**
27 **provider**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 11

29 On page 2, line 15, delete "**every licensed physician**" and insert "**any admitting healthcare**
30 **provider**"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 12

32 On page 2, line 16, change "**order**" to "**provide**" and after "**tests**" change "**for**" to "**to**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 2, line 17, change "**notified**" to "**informed**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 14

4 On page 2, line 18, after "**performed**" delete "**and consent is implied**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 15

6 On page 2, line 27, delete "**Unless available**" and delete lines 28 and 29 and on page 3,
7 delete lines 1 through 24 and insert the following:

8 **"For purposes of this Section, "healthcare provider" shall mean a licensed**
9 **physician, licensed advanced practice registered nurse or nurse practitioner, licensed**
10 **physician assistant, or licensed or certified midwife."**

11 AMENDMENT NO. 16

12 On page 3, between lines 24 and 25 insert the following:

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14 **"C. All testing that is provided by a healthcare provider pursuant to the**
15 **provisions of this Section shall be considered a medically necessary covered service by**
16 **any health insurance issuer as defined in R.S. 22:1005 and by any managed care**
17 **organization as defined in R.S. 46:460.51(9). In addition, health insurance issuers and**
18 **managed care organizations shall be prohibited from requiring prior authorization or**
19 **imposing any utilization management requirements as a condition of payment for any**
20 **testing provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section.**

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22 **§1123.5. Prenatal screening for substance use disorder**

23 **A. Every licensed healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant**
24 **woman shall screen her for substance use disorder during the first trimester of**
25 **pregnancy or at the time of first examination after confirming pregnancy, if the**
26 **provider utilizing his professional medical judgment believes that the screening would**
27 **be in the best interest of the patient and such screening has not already occurred. The**
28 **healthcare provider providing such screening shall utilize a validated verbal screening**
29 **tool for substance use disorder that aligns with standards of the American College of**
30 **Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The Louisiana Department of Health, office of public**
31 **health shall post a list of approved validated verbal screening tools on its website. For**
32 **purposes of this Section, "licensed healthcare provider" means a physician, advanced**
33 **practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.**

34 **B. After administering the screening provided for in Subsection A of this**
35 **Section, a licensed healthcare provider who determines that a pregnant woman is at**
36 **risk for substance use disorder shall refer the woman for appropriate treatment.**

37 **C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, licensure surveys of**
38 **healthcare facilities conducted by the Louisiana Department of Health may evaluate**
39 **for compliance with this Section."**