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SB 42 Reengrossed	DIGEST 2025 Regular Session	Selders
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Proposed law requires health benefit plans offered by a health insurance issuer that provide mental health benefits with respect to treatment for perinatal psychiatric diagnoses and Medicaid managed care organizations to provide coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment for a patient with a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis.

Proposed law specifies that inpatient admissions, including overnight stays, and medications resulting from treatments, including infusions and prescriptions, and counseling are covered services.

Proposed law prohibits health insurers from denying coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment for a patient with a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis if determined to be medically necessary by a physician.

Implementation of proposed law shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 46:447.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete the Medicaid coverage requirement that inpatient treatment be considered medically necessary and the prohibition against exclusion from coverage.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Provide that implementation of proposed law shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.