

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, OWEN, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILEY, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BARROW, BASS, TALBOT, AND WHEAT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health
3 insurance coverage for such treatments; to provide for definitions; to provide for
4 applicability and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1077.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1077.4. Required coverage for integrative cancer treatments; acupuncture; cooling
8 systems; cryotherapy

9 A. A health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state that
10 provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for individuals covered under a
11 respective plan shall provide coverage for integrative cancer treatments, including
12 acupuncture, cryotherapy, and scalp cooling systems used in connection with
13 medical treatment for cancer when such treatments are recommended by nationally
14 recognized cancer treatment guidelines. Coverage provided pursuant to this Section
15 may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and prior
16 authorization consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.

1 B. For the purposes of this Section, "scalp cooling system" means any device
2 used to cool the human scalp to prevent or reduce hair loss during chemotherapy
3 treatment for cancer, provided that such device is designed and intended for repeated
4 use and is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose.

5 C. A health insurance issuer may limit coverage for acupuncture treatment
6 for active treatment of cancer to fifteen visits per plan year, unless additional
7 treatments are recommended by nationally recognized cancer guidelines and the
8 treating physician.

9 Section 2. The provisions of this Act apply to any new policy, contract, or health
10 coverage plan issued on and after January 1, 2026. Any policy, contract, or health coverage
11 plan in effect prior to January 1, 2026, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act
12 on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2027.

13 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____