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## **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

**SB 42**

**2025 Regular Session**

**Selders**

### **Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to perinatal behavioral health treatment. (8/1/25)

#### **Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Expand types of healthcare providers who can consult with a patient regarding voluntary inpatient treatment following a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis.
2. Added guideline standards for treating physicians relative to patient treatment recommendations.
3. Provide benefits are subject to the health plan's annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions
4. Allow the Louisiana Medicaid Program to establish criteria for payment of covered Medicaid Services and criteria for medical necessity.
5. Provide dates of applicability relative to coverage plans.

#### **Report amends the bill to:**

1. Prohibit insurers from denying coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment determined to be consistent with standards for treatment of condition.

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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 when the treatment is consistent with standards for treatment of the condition.

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

Proposed law adds physician assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, medical psychologists, or nurse practitioners, as treating healthcare providers, who in consultation with the patient can make decisions regarding voluntary inpatient treatment following a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis.

Proposed law subjects coverage to the annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions of the insurer's health benefit plan.

Proposed law provides for the consideration of evidence based standards by physicians in making patient treatment recommendations.

Proposed law allows, but does not require, the Louisiana Medicaid Program to establish criteria for payment of covered Medicaid services.

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, or health coverage plan issued on and after January 1, 2026.

Proposed law converts any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2026 to the new provisions on or before the renewal date but no later than January 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2025.

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