

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 154

BY SENATOR MURRAY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Requires that certain health care coverage plans provide coverage for step therapy or fail first protocols. (8/15/11)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1053(A), relative to the requirement for coverage of step therapy or fail first protocols; to provide with respect to any coverage plan which includes prescription benefits as part of its policy or contract; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1053(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1053. Requirement for coverage of step therapy or fail first protocols

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 22:1047 to the contrary, any health care coverage plan specified in Subsection D of this Section **which includes prescription benefits as part of its policy or contract and** which is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after January 1, 2011, shall provide coverage for step therapy or fail first protocols as provided in this Section.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Horne.

DIGEST

Present law provides that any health care coverage plan which is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after January 1, 2011, shall provide coverage for step therapy or fail first protocols.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that any health care coverage plan which includes prescription benefits as part of its policy or contract provide coverage for step therapy or fail first protocols.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 22:1053(A))