
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Original Senate Bill No. 173
by Senator Heitmeier

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17, and on page 2, delete line 1, and insert the following:
3 **"(2) "Morbid obesity" means the condition that exists when a person has a body mass**
4 **index greater than forty kilograms per meter squared and also has the two comorbidity**
5 **factors of diabetes and hypertension."**

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 2, delete lines 2 through 14, and insert the following:
8 **"B.(1) Any group insurance plan providing comprehensive major medical**
9 **benefits which is issued or renewed in this state on or after October 1, 2015, or**
10 **notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 22:1106, any prepaid entity that participates in**
11 **the Louisiana Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for the medically necessary**
12 **expenses of the diagnosis and treatment of morbid obesity as defined in this Section,**
13 **including but not limited to bariatric surgery, physician office visits, health and**
14 **behavior assessments, nutrition education, patient self-management education training,**
15 **and therapeutic exercises."**

16 AMENDMENT NO. 3

17 On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:
18 **"(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the fee schedule used**
19 **for the payment of services associated with the treatment of morbid obesity shall be the**
20 **same as the fee schedule used by the Louisiana Medicaid Bayou Health program.**

21 **C. The Heads Up Program, which operates as a partnership between the Office**
22 **of Group Benefits and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, shall seek to**
23 **expand its number of participants from one hundred per year to three hundred per**
24 **year by the year 2018."**