

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 187**

**2021 Regular Session**

**Bagley**

**HEALTH/HOME CARE: Amends laws relative to home health care**

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DIGEST

Present law provides that a home health agency shall admit patients for skilled care only on the order of a physician.

Proposed law expands present law to provide that a home health agency shall admit patients for skilled care only on the order of an authorized health care provider.

Proposed law defines "authorized health care provider".

Present law provides that an administrator of a home health agency shall have three years management experience in health care delivery service and meet one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a licensed physician or a registered nurse.
- (2) Be a college graduate with a bachelor's degree or associate degree.
- (3) Have three additional years of documented experience in a health care delivery service.
- (4) Have six additional years of documented administrative and managerial experience that meets certain criteria.

Proposed law provides that an administrator of a home health agency shall have three years management experience in health care delivery service and meet one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a licensed physician or a registered nurse.
- (2) Be employed as an administrator on or after Jan. 13, 2018, and be a college graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- (3) Be employed as an administrator prior to Jan. 13, 2018, and have three additional years of documented experience in a health care delivery service.
- (4) Be an administrator who has experience in health service administration with at least one year of supervisory or administrative experience related to home health care or home health care programs.

Proposed law requires the administrator of a home health agency to comply with the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary of the La. Department of Health (LDH).

Proposed law provides that two years after the effective date of proposed law, LDH shall report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the implementation of proposed law including a statement of fiscal costs and savings and an analysis of the impact on the rate of use of home health services in the Medicaid program.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2116.31(B) and 2116.34(A)(1), (7) and (10)(c) through (e); Adds R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(12); Repeals R.S. 40:2116.34(10)(f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill

1. Relocates and clarifies provisions relative to continuing education.
2. Requires LDH to report on fiscal impact of proposed law.
3. Makes technical changes.