
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to add newborn home visiting as a covered service in the Medicaid state plan.

Proposed law provides legislative findings.

Proposed law requires LDH to add newborn home visiting as a covered service in the Louisiana Medicaid state plan.

Proposed law further requires LDH to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for newborn home visiting services that is, at a minimum, 95% of the amount reimbursed for targeted case management under Medicare for similar services.

Proposed law also requires LDH to negotiate with managed care organizations to reimburse at certain levels and shall implement these rates no later than December 31, 2024.

Proposed law defines an "evidence-based home-visiting program" as a home visiting program model that has met federal Health and Human Services (HHS) criteria as evidence-based early childhood home visiting service delivery models as listed on the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness registry available on the HHS website.

Proposed law requires the provider of the home visiting service to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider and be part of a managed care organization network or a fee-for-service provider in the Medicaid program in order to be reimbursed in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law provides that implementation of the newborn home visiting covered service and reimbursement rate shall be subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law further requires LDH to promulgate any rules as may be necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to require a decrease in any reimbursement rate for home visiting services or to require the Medicaid program to cover any specific clinical healthcare services.

(Adds R.S. 46:452)