

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1066

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage of annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1054, relative to mandated health insurance benefits; to require health
3 insurance policies, contracts, and plans, including health maintenance organizations;
4 to provide coverage for screening for sexually transmitted diseases as a part of an
5 insured's or enrollee's annual physical examination; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 22:1054 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1054. Requirement for coverage of annual screening for sexually transmitted
10 diseases

11 A. Any health coverage plan specified in Subsection C of this Section which
12 is issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on
13 or after January 1, 2013, shall provide coverage for screening for sexually
14 transmitted diseases as a part of an insured's or enrollee's annual physical
15 examination. Such coverage shall not be subject to any health coverage plan
16 deductible and shall not require prior authorization by a health coverage plan.

17 B. As used in this Section, "sexually transmitted diseases" shall mean
18 acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), the human immunodeficiency virus
19 (HIV), HIV-1 antibodies, or any other probable causative agent of AIDS, the human

1 papillomavirus infection (HPV), viral hepatitis, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia,
2 herpes, or any other disease transmitted through sexual contact.

3 C. As used in this Section, "health coverage plan" shall mean any hospital,
4 health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract,
5 employee welfare benefit plan, contract or agreement with a health maintenance
6 organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident insurance
7 policy, or any other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance plan,
8 a self-insurance plan, and the Office of Group Benefits programs.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires health insurance coverage of screening for sexually transmitted diseases as a part of an insured's or enrollee's annual physical examination. Specifies that such coverage shall not be subject to any health plan deductible and shall not require prior authorization by a health coverage plan.

Proposed law requires that any health coverage plan issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state on or after Jan. 1, 2013, provide coverage for screening for sexually transmitted diseases as a part of an insured's or enrollee's annual physical examination. Specifies that such coverage shall not be subject to any health plan deductible and shall not require prior authorization by a health coverage plan.

Proposed law defines "sexually transmitted disease" as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), HIV-1 antibodies, or any other probable causative agent of AIDS, the human papillomavirus infection (HPV), viral hepatitis, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, or any other disease transmitted through sexual contact.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan" as any hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract or agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance plan and the Office of Group Benefits programs.

(Adds R.S. 22:1054)