

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 210 (SB 133)

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Provides that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), in addition to the other powers and duties conferred upon it by law, shall serve as a foundation and resource for addressing health care disparities for women and vulnerable populations and contribute to the improvement of the health of Louisiana's citizens.

Provides that LDH shall be responsible for leading, consolidating, and coordinating efforts across the state geared toward improving women's health outcomes through policy, education, evidence-based practices, programs, and services.

Provides that LDH shall complete a thorough assessment of all state activities or services that may specifically impact the health or quality of life of women. Requires LDH to submit this assessment to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than February 15, 2022.

Provides that LDH shall make available to health care professionals the best practices and protocols for treating communities with underlying medical conditions and health disparities by doing certain enumerated tasks.

Provides that LDH may analyze any other relevant data which will add to the work of the department, seek input from any interested parties including but not limited to licensed health care professionals, advocates, and concerned citizens, pursue any relevant topics including policies and laws that impact health disparities, and promote community outreach and extension activities.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 11, 2021).

(Adds R.S. 40:1262)