2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD AND LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact Subpart E of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1248.21, relative to the dispensation of contraceptives; to provide for the Louisiana Department of Health relative to requiring health plans of the state Medicaid program to provide reimbursement for a six-month supply of contraceptive drugs dispensed at one time; to provide for a required usage period; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subpart E of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1248.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART E. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES

§1248.21. Dispensation of contraceptive drugs; six-month supply; coverage

A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall require all Medicaid health plans issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, to include the dispensing of a six-month supply of contraceptive drugs to be obtained at one time by the insured, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescribing provider instructs for the insured to receive a smaller supply. The insured shall have used the same contraceptive drugs for at least the consecutive six months prior to receiving a six-month supply. Contracts with managed care plans shall allow the insured to receive onsite dispensing of the prescribed contraceptive drugs at family practice clinics, if available. Dispensing practices shall follow all licensing and
clinical guidelines for appropriate prescribing and dispensing to ensure the health of
the insured while maximizing access to effective contraceptive drugs.

B. For purposes of this Section, "contraceptive drugs" means all drugs
approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that are used to
prevent pregnancy including but not limited to hormonal drugs administered orally,
transdermally, and intravaginally.

C. Nothing in this Section shall apply to any drug, medicine, or other
substance prescribed, dispensed, or distributed that is intended to induce an abortion.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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