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HOUSE BILL NO. 622

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures when medically necessary for the treatment of liver cancer; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1077.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1077.4. Required coverage for histotripsy procedures

A. A health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for individuals covered under a respective plan shall provide coverage for histotripsy procedures for the treatment of primary and metastatic tumors in the liver. Coverage provided pursuant to this Section may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.

B. For the purposes of this Section, "histotripsy" means a non-invasive procedure that uses high-intensity sound waves to selectively destroy cancer tissue in the liver.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures for the treatment of liver cancer.

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in the state of La. that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to cover histotripsy procedures for the treatment of primary and metastatic tumors in the liver.

Proposed law authorizes a health coverage plan to apply annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.

Proposed law defines "histotripsy" as a non-invasive procedure that uses high-intensity sound waves to selectively destroy cancer tissue in the liver.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.4)