

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 19

BY SENATOR FESI

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

PHARMACEUTICALS. Provides relative to the dispensing of ivermectin. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1218.3, relative to the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for a standing
3 order for the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for pharmacist authorization; to
4 provide for rulemaking; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1218.3. Authorization to dispense ivermectin**

9 **A. A pharmacist may dispense ivermectin to any person who is eighteen**
10 **years of age or older pursuant to a standing order issued by the Louisiana**
11 **Department of Health.**

12 **B.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall adopt rules to establish**
13 **standard procedures for the dispensing of ivermectin including but not limited**
14 **to:**

15 **(a) Providing the patient with a screening risk assessment tool.**

16 **(b) Providing the patient with information on the indications and**
17 **contraindications for the use of ivermectin, the appropriate method for using**

Proposed law provides that a health insurance issuer is not required to provide coverage for the cost of ivermectin dispensed pursuant to proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:1218.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes the effective date from August 1, 2025 to upon signature of the governor.