

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

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

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage for integrative cancer treatments

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health  
3 insurance coverage for such treatments; to require coverage for Medicare enrollees;  
4 to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability and effectiveness; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §1077.4. Required coverage for integrative cancer treatments; acupuncture; cooling  
9 systems; cryotherapy; dental services

10 A. A health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state that  
11 provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for individuals covered under a  
12 respective plan shall provide coverage for integrative cancer treatments, including  
13 acupuncture, cryotherapy, dental services, and scalp cooling systems used in  
14 connection with medical treatment for cancer when such treatments are  
15 recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines. Coverage  
16 provided pursuant to this Section may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance,  
17 and copayments consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.  
18 The provisions of this Section apply to individuals eligible for Medicare coverage.



Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Require covered treatments to be recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines.
2. Remove application to Medicaid enrollees.
3. Apply proposed law to any new policy, contract, or plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2026, and require existing policies to conform with proposed law by Jan. 1, 2027.