

SENATE BILL NO. 298

BY SENATOR BARROW

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2018.3.1, relative to Medicaid coverage for sickle cell disease; to require an annual review of available treatments for sickle cell disease; to require an assessment of Medicaid coverage for sickle cell treatments; to provide for public input; to provide for annual reporting by the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for a short title; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2018.3.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§2018.3.1. Annual review of Medicaid coverage for sickle cell disease**

**A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall conduct an annual review of all medications and forms of treatment for sickle cell disease and services for enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease that are eligible for coverage under the Louisiana Medicaid program. The department shall determine if the available covered medications, treatments, and services are adequate to meet the needs of enrollees with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and whether the department should seek to add additional medications, treatments, or services.**

**B. When conducting the annual review required by Subsection A of this Section, the Louisiana Department of Health shall solicit and consider input from the general public with specific emphasis on attempting to receive input from persons or groups with knowledge and experience in the area of sickle cell disease treatment.**

**C. On or before January 15, 2023, and on or before January fifteenth each year thereafter, the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate and House committees on health and welfare that details the**

1            department's findings from the annual review required by this Section, as well  
2            as any recommendations to the legislature based upon those findings. The  
3            department shall publish the annual report required by this Subsection on its  
4            website in a manner accessible by the general public.

5            Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Lorri Burgess' Law".

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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