

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643 (Substitute for House Bill No. 122 by Representative Horton)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Provides relative to cytomegalovirus (CMV) testing for newborns

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, relative to point of care testing for  
4 newborns; to require testing for the cytomegalovirus (CMV); to provide for the  
5 payment of healthcare providers; to establish provisions for payment; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised  
9 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 SUBPART F. CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) TESTING

11 §1086.21. Cytomegalovirus; point of care testing; reporting

12 A healthcare provider attending a newborn child shall administer appropriate  
13 testing for cytomegalovirus if the newborn fails the newborn hearing screen. The  
14 Louisiana Department of Health shall provide payment directly to all healthcare  
15 providers for the costs incurred as a result of the administration of testing pursuant  
16 to the provisions of this Section. Payment shall be made by the department within  
17 fifteen days of receiving a claim for payment from a healthcare provider.

18 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Journie's Law".

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**DIGEST**

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HB 643 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires cytomegalovirus (CMV) testing for newborns.

Proposed law requires a healthcare provider attending a newborn child to administer appropriate testing for the cytomegalovirus if the newborn fails the newborn hearing screen.

Proposed law further requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide payment directly to all healthcare providers for the costs incurred as a result of the administration of testing in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law provides that payment shall be made by LDH within 15 days of receiving a claim for payment from a healthcare provider.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as "Journie's Law".

(Adds R.S. 40:1086.21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the requirement for hospitals, birthing centers, licensed midwives, and certified nurse midwives to ensure that a test for the cytomegalovirus (CMV) be delivered to a newborn.
2. Remove the requirement for LDH to report any positive test results within five days.
3. Require a healthcare provider attending a newborn child to administer appropriate testing for CMV if the newborn fails the newborn hearing screen.
4. Require LDH to provide payment directly to all healthcare providers for the costs incurred as a result of the administration of testing in accordance with proposed law.
6. Require payments to be made by LDH within 15 days of receiving a claim for payment from a healthcare provider.
7. Make technical corrections.