

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires a healthcare provider attending a newborn child to administer appropriate testing for the cytomegalovirus if the newborn fails the newborn hearing screen and, in the exercise of professional judgment, the healthcare provider believes that the testing would be in the best interest of the newborn.

New law further provides that any testing for cytomegalovirus provided in accordance with new law shall be considered medically necessary and shall not be denied on the basis for failing to meet any applicable medically necessary standards or requirements by any health insurance issuer which otherwise provides coverage for the testing.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide payment to all Medicaid providers for the costs incurred as a result of the administration of testing in accordance with new law.

New law further requires LDH to submit payment within 30 days of receiving a claim for such payment from a healthcare provider.

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

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 40:1086.21)