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SB 300 Original DIGEST Duplessis  
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Proposed law requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides benefits for maternity services to include coverage for the following healthcare services when recommended by the treating healthcare provider:

- (1) Nutrition counseling services provided by a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist in the first trimester of the pregnancy, regardless of whether there is a diagnosis of gestational diabetes or any other chronic health condition.
- (2) Postpartum services provided by a lactation consultant.

Proposed law provides that the required coverage may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments consistent with the terms of the health coverage plan.

Proposed law prohibits terminology in any health coverage plan policy or contract that is discriminatory against licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, lactation consultants, or their services.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan", "lactation consultant", "licensed dietitian", and "licensed nutritionist".

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2025, and requires any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2025, to convert to conform to proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2026.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.4 and 1059.5)