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DIGEST  
2024 Regular Session

SB 106 Reengrossed

Barrow

Proposed law requires any health insurance issuer that offers health coverage plans in La. that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to provide coverage for certain severe obesity treatments.

Proposed law requires the covered insured to be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for bariatric surgery coverage. Proposed law provides an issuer may request a covered person successfully complete a pre-operative period prior to bariatric surgery.

Proposed law provides an issuer may restrict services for bariatric surgery to certain facilities.

Proposed law provides that issuers may require prior authorization for bariatric surgery.

Proposed law provides this coverage does not apply to injectable drugs to lower glucose levels or any other prescribed weight loss drugs. Proposed law provides coverage for bariatric surgery may be limited to once per lifetime.

Proposed law requires the prescribing physician to issue a written order verifying certain information.

Proposed law defines "body mass index", "health coverage plan", and "severe obesity".

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. 22:1047)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Removes weight loss and exercise regimens from the list of treatments.

3. Provides an issuer may require certain pre-operative treatment prior to bariatric surgery.
4. Provides an issuer may restrict services for bariatric surgery to certain facilities.
5. Provides an issuer may require prior authorization for bariatric surgery.
6. Provides this coverage does not apply to injectable drugs to lower glucose levels or other drugs prescribed for weight loss.
7. Provides bariatric treatment may be limited to once per lifetime.
8. Provides for applicability.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical amendments