

SENATE BILL NO. 200

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS AND REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, JACKSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MENA, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS AND YOUNG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1019.2(A), relative to health insurance; to provide in-network  
3 healthcare coverage for certain covered persons who temporarily relocate after the  
4 governor declares a state of emergency for a named storm; to provide for an effective  
5 date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1019.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1019.2. Network adequacy

9 A. A health insurance issuer providing a health benefit plan shall maintain  
10 a network that is sufficient in numbers and types of healthcare providers to ensure  
11 that all healthcare services to covered persons will be accessible without  
12 unreasonable delay. In the case of emergency services and any ancillary emergency  
13 healthcare services, covered persons shall have access twenty-four hours per day,  
14 seven days per week. **Healthcare services shall also be made accessible, in the**  
15 **same manner as provided in this Subsection, for a covered person diagnosed**  
16 **with a disease or condition by a licensed healthcare provider, if the disease or**  
17 **condition requires the covered person to receive life-sustaining treatments,**  
18 **including but not limited to chemotherapy, radiotherapy, dialysis, and heart**  
19 **surgery, and the covered person is forced to temporarily relocate to another**  
20 **state when the governor declares a state of emergency, pursuant to R.S. 29:724,**  
21 **for a named storm as defined in R.S. 22:1267.1(A)(2).** Sufficiency shall be  
22 determined in accordance with the requirements of this Subpart. In determining  
23 sufficiency criteria, the criteria shall include but not be limited to ratios of healthcare  
24 providers to covered persons by specialty, ratios of primary care providers to covered  
25 persons, geographic accessibility, waiting times for appointments with participating

1 providers, hours of operation, and volume of technological and specialty services  
2 available to serve the needs of covered persons requiring technologically advanced  
3 or specialty care.

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5 Section 2. This Act will become effective upon a signature by the governor or, if not  
6 signed by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by this legislature, this Act  
8 will become effective on the day following such approval.

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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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_