
DIGEST

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Abstract: Mandates that Medicare Advantage plans provide coverage for integrative care services as delineated by nationally recognized clinical guidelines. Establishes definitions, applicability, and criteria for effectiveness. Clarifies that the provisions apply only to the extent permitted under federal law. Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to take necessary actions for implementation.

Present law requires commercial health insurance issuers to provide coverage for certain integrative cancer-related services when recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines.

Proposed law requires, to the extent permitted under federal law, that Medicare Advantage plans offered in Louisiana provide coverage for integrative care services when such services are recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines and are rendered in connection with the diagnosis, treatment, or management of a covered medical condition.

Proposed law defines "integrative care services" and "Medicare Advantage plan", and authorizes cost sharing and utilization management protocols consistent with federal law and the terms of the plan.

Proposed law outlines that nothing in the Section shall be construed to mandate coverage in a manner that conflicts with federal law, and that the Section be interpreted consistently with all applicable federal requirements.

Proposed law directs the commissioner of insurance to promulgate rules, submit any required materials to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and take other actions necessary to implement the Section to the extent allowed under federal law.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.6)