

SENATE BILL NO. 433

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:460.38, relative to Medicaid coverage of certain medications; to require  
3 Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved weight loss medications; to provide for  
4 qualifying patients; to provide for coverage restrictions; 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. 46:460.38 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§460.38. Weight loss medications; required coverage**

9 **A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide Medicaid coverage**  
10 **for FDA-approved weight loss medications that are medically necessary and are**  
11 **prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider for a Medicaid recipient. The**  
12 **coverage criteria for FDA-approved weight loss medications shall be established**  
13 **by the department.**

14 **B. Coverage may be subject to prior authorization as determined by the**  
15 **department.**

16 **C. The Louisiana Department of Health or any Medicaid managed care**  
17 **organization shall not require step therapy for coverage of weight loss**  
18 **medication pursuant to this Section.**

19 **D. The Louisiana Department of Health shall implement weight loss**  
20 **coverage in a manner that ensures fiscal sustainability consistent with federal**  
21 **requirements.**

22 Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when  
23 an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the  
24 implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

1           (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the  
2 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become  
3 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
4 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the  
5 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such  
6 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: \_\_\_\_\_