

SENATE BILL NO. 35

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LONG, MILLS, MURRAY, NEVERS, TARVER, THOMPSON AND
WARD AND REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND WILLMOTT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 46-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 46:2616 and 2617, relative to annual health action plans prepared
4 by the Department of Health and Hospitals; to provide for a diabetes annual action
5 plan; to provide for an obesity annual action plan; to provide for the preparation and
6 submission requirements; to provide for the required content of the action plans; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 46-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10 comprised of R.S. 46:2616 and 2617, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 46-A. HEALTH ACTION PLANS

12 §2616. Diabetes annual action plan; submission; content

13 The Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit an action plan,
14 after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each
15 of its contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and
16 Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than
17 February first of each year on the following:

18 (1) The financial impact and reach diabetes of all types is having on the
19 state of Louisiana and its residents. Items in this assessment shall include the
20 number of lives with diabetes covered by Medicaid through the Department of
21 Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the number of lives with
22 diabetes impacted by the prevention and diabetes control programs
23 implemented by the department and its contracted partners, the financial cost
24 diabetes and its complications places on the department and its contracted
25 partners, and the financial cost diabetes and its complications places on the

1 department and its contracted partners in comparison to other chronic diseases
2 and conditions.

3 (2) An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities
4 aimed at controlling diabetes and preventing the disease.

5 (3) A description of the level of coordination existing between the
6 Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other
7 stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of
8 communication on managing, treating, or preventing all forms of diabetes and
9 its complications.

10 (4) The development of a detailed action plan for battling diabetes with
11 a range of actionable items. The plan shall identify proposed action steps to
12 reduce the impact of diabetes, prediabetes, and related diabetes complications.
13 The plan shall identify expected outcomes of the action steps proposed while
14 establishing benchmarks for controlling and preventing diabetes.

15 (5) The development of a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs,
16 costs, and resources to implement the plan identified in Paragraph (4) of this
17 Section.

18 §2617. Obesity annual action plan; submission; content

19 The Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit an action plan,
20 after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each
21 of its contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and
22 Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than
23 February first of each year on the following:

24 (1) The financial impact and reach obesity is having on the state of
25 Louisiana and its residents. Items included in this assessment shall include the
26 number of lives with obesity covered by Medicaid through the Department of
27 Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the number of lives with
28 obesity impacted by the prevention and control programs implemented by the
29 Department of Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the financial
30 cost obesity and its complications place on the Department of Health and

1 Hospitals and its contracted partners, and the financial cost obesity and its
2 complications places on the Department of Health and Hospitals and its
3 contracted partners in comparison to other chronic diseases and conditions.

4 (2) An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities
5 aimed at controlling obesity and preventing the disease.

6 (3) A description of the level of coordination existing between the
7 Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other
8 stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of
9 communication on managing, treating, or preventing obesity and its
10 complications.

11 (4) The development of a detailed action plan for battling obesity with
12 a range of actionable items. The plan shall identify proposed action steps to
13 reduce the impact of obesity and related obesity complications. The plan shall
14 identify expected outcomes of the action steps proposed while establishing
15 benchmarks for controlling and preventing obesity.

16 (5) The development of a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs,
17 costs, and resources to implement the plan identified in Paragraph (4) of this
18 Section.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____