
DIGEST

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HB 526 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Adds requirements for medical assistance program coverage of opioid use disorder medications by prohibiting certain acts.

Proposed law prohibits prior authorization requirements for opioid use disorder by Medicaid and its managed care organizations for medications of any United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved treatment for opioid use disorder.

Proposed law prohibits managed care organizations from restricting the prescribing of any medication by prescriber type speciality that is approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Proposed law prohibits step therapy requirements prior to authorization of coverage by Medicaid and its managed care organizations for an FDA approved medication used for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Proposed law requires the listing of at least two formulations of buprenorphine/naloxone on the La. Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List.

Proposed law prohibits excluding coverage of prescriptions and services by Medicaid and its managed care organizations that are based upon court order.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.37)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Prohibit managed care organizations from restricting the prescribing of any medication by prescriber type speciality.
2. Require at least two formulations of buprenorphine/naloxone to be on the La. Medicaid Preferred Drug List.
3. Amend proposed law by changing the list on which the formulations of buprenorphine/naloxone are required to appear from the Louisiana Medicaid fee-for-

service preferred drug list and the Healthy Louisiana Common Preferred Drug List to the Louisiana Medicaid Preferred Drug List.

4. Amend proposed law by eliminating the requirement that any exclusion for coverage for any prescription medication be approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds the services were court ordered.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Correct the name of the drug list, the La. Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List, that must carry the two formulations of buprenorphine/naloxone.