

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 650

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of prescription breast milk

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part IV of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 46:977.31, relative to the medical assistance program of this state
4 known as Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid coverage of pasteurized donor breast
5 milk when medically necessary; to provide relative to federal Medicaid waivers; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part IV of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 46:977.31, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART IV. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DONOR BREAST MILK

11 §977.31. Prescribed donor breast milk; Medicaid coverage

12 A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall make available to persons who
13 are eligible for Medicaid benefits under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42
14 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., coverage benefits for medically necessary pasteurized donor
15 breast milk upon prescription of an infant's pediatrician stating that the infant
16 Medicaid beneficiary is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast
17 milk or participate in breastfeeding, or the infant's mother is medically or physically
18 unable to produce maternal breast milk in sufficient quantities.

1 B. The department may seek approval of a federal Medicaid waiver and
 2 state plan amendments as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this
 3 Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires state Medicaid health plans to provide coverage benefits for medically necessary pasteurized donor breast milk upon prescription of an infant's pediatrician.

Proposed law requires Medicaid health plans to provide coverage benefits for medically necessary pasteurized donor breast milk upon prescription of an infant's pediatrician stating that the infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breastfeeding, or the infant's mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk in sufficient quantities.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to seek approval of a federal Medicaid waiver and state plan amendments in implementation of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 46:977.31)