

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for insurance coverage of breast reduction procedures

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1059.2, relative to health insurance coverage, to require coverage benefits
3 for medically necessary breast reduction procedures; to provide for effectiveness;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1059.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1059.2. Required coverage for breast reduction procedures; exclusions

8 A. A health coverage plan issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or
9 otherwise contracted for in this state shall provide coverage benefits for breast
10 reduction procedures medically necessary to improve a debilitating condition
11 including but not limited to persistent pain, and the underlying condition is not breast
12 cancer.

13 B. For purposes of this Section, a health coverage plan's medical necessity
14 criteria applicable to the coverage required by this Section shall rely upon medical
15 and scientific evidence based upon nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.
16 Such criteria may exclude from coverage cosmetic breast reduction procedures,
17 cosmetic breast lifts, and other cosmetic procedures.

18 Section 2. This Act shall apply to any new health coverage plan issued on and after
19 January 1, 2023. Any health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2023, shall convert
20 to conform to the provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than
21 January 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires health insurance coverage benefits for medically necessary breast reduction procedures.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan issued in this state to provide coverage benefits for breast reduction procedures when medical necessary to improve debilitating conditions, including but not limited to persistent pain, and the underlying condition is not breast cancer.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan's medical necessity criteria to rely upon medical and scientific evidence based upon nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. Provides that criteria may exclude from coverage cosmetic breast reduction procedures, cosmetic breast lifts, and other cosmetic procedures.

Proposed law requires a current health coverage plan to conform to the provisions of proposed law by Jan. 1, 2024.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Require a health coverage plan's medical necessity criteria to rely upon medical and scientific evidence based upon nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. Provide that criteria may exclude from coverage cosmetic breast reduction procedures, cosmetic breast lifts, and other cosmetic procedures.
2. Require any health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2023, to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2024.
3. Make technical changes.