

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 651

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND GREEN

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to insurance coverage for prescription human milk

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1059.2, relative to health insurance coverage; to require a health coverage  
3 plan to provide benefits for pasteurized donor human milk when medically  
4 necessary; to provide for effectiveness; 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 prescribed donor human milk

8 A health coverage plan issued for delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise  
9 contracted for in this state shall provide inpatient and outpatient coverage benefits  
10 for up to two months for medically necessary pasteurized donor human milk upon  
11 prescription of an infant's pediatrician or licensed pediatric provider stating that the  
12 infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or  
13 participate in breastfeeding, or the infant's mother is medically or physically unable  
14 to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities. A health coverage plan may  
15 limit coverage under this Section to inpatient and outpatient donor human milk  
16 obtained from a member bank of the Human Milk Banking Association of North  
17 America.

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

- 1 to conform to the provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than  
2 January 1, 2024.

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DIGEST

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HB 651 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires inpatient and outpatient health coverage for up to two months for medically necessary pasteurized donor human milk upon prescription of an infant's pediatrician.

Proposed law requires a health coverage plan issued in this state to provide inpatient and outpatient coverage benefits for up to two months for medically necessary pasteurized donor human milk upon prescription of an infant's pediatrician or licensed pediatric provider stating that the infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or participate in breastfeeding, or the infant's mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities. Authorizes a health coverage plan to limit coverage pursuant to proposed law to donor human milk obtained from a member bank of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America.

Proposed law applies to any new health coverage plan issued on or after Jan. 1, 2023. Further requires any plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2023 to convert to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date of the plan, but no later than Jan. 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provision limiting coverage to inpatient and outpatient benefits for a maximum of two months for medically necessary donor human milk with a prescription from the infant's pediatrician or licensed pediatric provider.
2. Allow a health coverage plan to limit coverage pursuant to proposed law to donor human milk obtained from a member bank of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America.
3. Change the term "breast milk" to "human milk" throughout proposed law.
4. Require new health coverage plans issued on and after Jan. 1, 2023 to comply with proposed law. Further require health coverage plans in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2023, to convert to conform to proposed law on or before the renewal date of the plan, and no later than Jan. 1, 2024.
5. Make technical changes.