
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.