

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 557****2022 Regular Session****Willard**

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to the dispensing of contraceptives

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires dispensing practices to follow licensing guidelines.
2. Adds that proposed law does not apply to any drug, medicine, or other substance prescribed, dispensed, or distributed that is intended to induce an abortion.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires Medicaid health plans to reimburse for a 6-month supply of contraceptive drugs to be obtained at once by the insured, unless the insured requests a smaller supply or the prescribing provider instructs for the insured to receive a smaller supply. Further requires the insured to have used the same contraceptive drugs for at least the consecutive 6 months prior to receiving a 6-month supply.

Proposed law requires Medicaid health plans to allow the insured to receive the contraceptive drugs onsite at family practice clinics, if available. Further requires dispensing practices to follow all licensing and clinical guidelines for appropriate prescribing and dispensing to ensure the health of the insured while maximizing access to effective contraceptive drugs.

Proposed law does not apply to any drug, medicine, or other substance prescribed, dispensed, or distributed that is intended to induce an abortion.

Proposed law defines "contraceptive drugs".

(Adds R.S. 40:1248.21)