

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 135

2023 Regular Session

Barrow

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

MEDICAID. Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by a licensed midwife or certified nurse midwife. (8/1/23)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Designate proposed law as the Jessica Collins-Ruffin Act.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

SB 135 Reengrossed

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Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall implement a Medicaid reimbursement rate for services by licensed midwives or certified nurse midwives that is, at a minimum, 95% of the amount reimbursed to licensed physicians for the provision of the same health services in pregnancy and childbirth, when acting within their scope of practice.

Proposed law defines "midwife".

Proposed law requires the midwife to be enrolled as a Medicaid provider and be a managed care organization network or fee for service provider in the Medicaid program in order to be reimbursed in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law shall not be construed to do any of the following:

- (1) Require a decrease in any reimbursement rate for midwife services that are reimbursed equal to the amount reimbursed to licensed physicians.
- (2) Expand, diminish, or alter the scope of practice of a midwife.
- (3) Require Medicaid to cover any specific healthcare service.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the Jessica Collins-Ruffin Act.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 46:451)

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