

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643 (Substitute for House Bill No. 122 by Representative Horton)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, relative to point of care testing for
4 newborns; to require testing for the cytomegalovirus (CMV); to provide for the
5 payment of healthcare providers; to establish provisions for payment; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised
9 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 SUBPART F. CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) TESTING

11 §1086.21. Cytomegalovirus; point of care testing; reporting

12 A healthcare provider attending a newborn child shall administer appropriate
13 testing for cytomegalovirus if the newborn fails the newborn hearing screen and, in
14 the exercise of professional judgment, the healthcare provider believes that the
15 testing would be in the best interest of the newborn. Any testing for cytomegalovirus
16 provided in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be considered
17 medically necessary and shall not be denied on the basis for failing to meet any
18 applicable medically necessary standards or requirements by any health insurance
19 issuer which otherwise provides coverage for the testing. The Louisiana Department
20 of Health shall provide payment to all Medicaid providers for the costs incurred as
21 a result of the administration of testing pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

1 Payment shall be made by the department within thirty days of receiving a claim for
2 payment from a healthcare provider.

3 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Journie's Law".

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____