

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 187 by Senator Boudreaux

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, delete "to provide for creation of a fund;"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 and insert the following:

5 "A.(1) The legislature finds that Louisiana Medicaid covers portable oxygen  
6 concentrators to Medicaid beneficiaries under twenty-one years of age, if deemed  
7 medically necessary, through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and  
8 Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. However, for individuals over the age of twenty-one,  
9 Medicaid only covers portable oxygen concentrators for travel to medical appointments  
10 and treatment.

11 (2) The legislature further finds that providing Medicaid coverage for portable  
12 oxygen concentrators beyond the limited circumstances in current policy could greatly  
13 improve the quality of life for Louisiana residents who require oxygen but are mobile  
14 within the home or community."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 3

16 On page 1, line 12, change "B." to "B.(1)"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 4

18 On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 16 and insert "to  
19 provide coverage for portable oxygen concentrators in the same manner as stationary  
20 oxygen systems if a portable concentrator is prescribed by a licensed physician and the  
21 enrollee is mobile within the home or community.

22 (2) The Louisiana Department of Health may limit the number of portable  
23 oxygen concentrators covered each fiscal year in a manner determined through rules  
24 promulgated by the department.

25 C. The department shall submit a utilization report to the legislature no later  
26 than thirty days prior to the legislative session. The report shall include the number of  
27 requests for portable oxygen concentrators, the number of portable concentrators that  
28 were covered, the number of requests that were denied, the amount and means of  
29 financing of funds utilized to provide coverage, the amount of funds needed to provide  
30 coverage for requests that were denied due to lack of funds, and the demographics of  
31 enrollees that requested, received, or were denied coverage for portable concentrators."