

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 300

2024 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

INSURANCE POLICIES. Provides for health insurance coverage of pregnancy-related and postpartum healthcare services. (8/1/24)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Remove an inaccurate certifying authority for breastfeeding counselors.
2. Provide the certifying authority for certified lactation counselors.
3. Provide that the lactation consultants are certified to address the full range of breastfeeding care.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state that provides benefits for maternity services to include coverage for the following healthcare services:

- (1) Nutrition counseling services provided by a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist in the first trimester of the pregnancy, regardless of whether there is a diagnosis of gestational diabetes or any other chronic health condition, when recommended by the treating healthcare provider.
- (2) Postpartum services provided by a qualified lactation care provider.

Proposed law provides that the nutrition counseling services may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.

Proposed law provides that the coverage for lactation services are considered a preventive benefit pursuant to federal law. Further provides that such coverage is not subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.

Proposed law requires a qualified lactation care provider to achieve and maintain certain certification requirements from a nationally recognized accreditation agency.

Proposed law prohibits terminology in any health coverage plan policy or contract that is discriminatory against licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, lactation consultants, or their services.

Proposed law defines "breastfeeding counselor", "certified breastfeeding specialist", "certified lactation counselor", "certified lactation consultant", "certified lactation educator", "health coverage plan", "licensed dietitian", "licensed nutritionist", "nationally recognized accreditation agency", and "qualified lactation care provider".

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2026, and requires any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2026, to conform to proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2027.

Effective Aug. 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.4 and 1059.5)