

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 762 (SB 300)

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Duplessis

New 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.

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

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

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

New law prohibits terminology in any health coverage plan policy or contract that is discriminatory against licensed dietitians, licensed nutritionists, qualified lactation care providers, or their services.

New 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".

New 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 new law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2024.

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