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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires health insurers, including Medicare and Medicaid providers, to cover integrative cancer treatments in combination with medical treatment for cancer.

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in the state of La. that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to cover integrative cancer treatments, including acupuncture, scalp cooling systems, cryotherapy, and dental services when such treatments are combined with medical treatment for cancer.

Proposed law requires coverage for dental evaluations and, if deemed appropriate, subsequent treatments or extractions requiring bisphosphonates.

Proposed law authorizes health coverage plans to apply annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and other cost-sharing mechanisms established under the plan.

Proposed law applies to treatments for persons eligible for Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Proposed law provides certain eligibility criteria for Medicaid enrollees receiving dental services. Requires a healthcare facility appropriately providing the dental services to determine patient eligibility in accordance with state and federal guidelines or certifications. Further requires dental services to be medically necessary and appropriate to treat the individual's condition.

Proposed law defines "scalp cooling system".

Effective January 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 40:1105.14)