

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 70

BY SENATOR MYERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to remote patient monitoring services. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1227.5, relative to remote patient monitoring services; to provide for qualifications for a patient to participate in remote patient monitoring services; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1227.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1227.5. Qualifications for patients

To qualify for participation in remote patient monitoring services, a patient shall ~~meet any two~~ **have a recommendation from the patient's healthcare provider for disease management services through remote patient monitoring and shall meet one** of the following criteria:

(1) ~~Be~~ **Has been** diagnosed with one or more chronic conditions, as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, ~~which include but are~~ **including** **but** not limited to sickle cell disease, mental illness, asthma, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

(2) ~~Have~~ **Has** a recent history of costly service use due to one or more chronic conditions as evidenced by two or more hospitalizations, including

emergency room visits, in the last twelve months.

(3) ~~Have a recommendation from the patient's healthcare provider for disease management services through remote patient monitoring.~~

**Is a pregnant or postpartum woman.**

**(4) Is an infant who has been discharged from a hospital after requiring neonatal intensive care.**

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law authorizes remote patient monitoring services provided through telehealth to be used by a patient who meets any two of the following qualifications:

- (1) Has been diagnosed with one or more chronic conditions.
- (2) Has a recent history of costly service use due to one or more chronic conditions as evidenced by two or more hospitalizations, including emergency room visits, in the last 12 months.
- (3) Has a recommendation from the patient's healthcare provider for disease management services through remote patient monitoring.

Proposed law authorizes patients to use remote patient monitoring services if the patient has a recommendation from the patient's healthcare provider for disease management services through remote patient monitoring and meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Has been diagnosed with one or more chronic conditions.
- (2) Has a recent history of costly service use due to one or more chronic conditions as evidenced by two or more hospitalizations, including emergency room visits, in the last 12 months.
- (3) Is a pregnant or postpartum woman.
- (4) Is an infant who has been discharged from a hospital after requiring neonatal intensive care.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1227.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to  
the original bill

1. Removes specific conditions for pregnant and postpartum woman to qualify.
2. Changes requirements for infants to qualify.