
DIGEST

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HB 357 Reengrossed

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Freeman

Abstract: Requires health insurers, including Medicare provider organizations, 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, and cryotherapy when such treatments are combined with medical treatment for cancer and are recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines. Applies to treatments for persons eligible for Medicare coverage.

Proposed law authorizes health coverage plans to apply annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments established under the plan.

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

Effective January 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 22:1077.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Require covered treatments to be recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines.
2. Remove application to Medicaid enrollees.
3. Apply proposed law to any new policy, contract, or plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2026, and require existing policies to conform with proposed law by Jan. 1, 2027.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove required coverage for dental services.