

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 433

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

MEDICAID. Provides for Medicaid coverage of certain medications. (1/1/27)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.38, relative to Medicaid coverage of certain medications; to require Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved weight loss medications; to provide for qualifying patients; to provide for coverage restrictions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:460.38 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§460.38. Weight loss medications; required coverage**

**A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall require each Medicaid managed care organization to provide coverage for FDA-approved weight loss medications prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider for a Medicaid recipient over the age of eighteen that meets either of the following criteria:**

**(1) Has a body mass index of thirty or higher and at least one associated comorbidity, including but not limited to type 2 diabetes, prediabetes, hypertension, or cardiovascular disease.**

**(2) Has a body mass index of thirty-five or greater.**

**B. Coverage shall be subject to prior authorization, which shall be**

