

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 1199****2026 Regular Session****Jordan**

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to health insurance coverage for genetic testing and the treatment of SCN2A-associated medical conditions

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies eligibility by specifying that a family member is required to be included under the enrollee's coverage plan.
2. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law mandates that any health coverage plan delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or otherwise contracted in this state on or after Jan. 1, 2027, shall provide insurance coverage for genetic testing specifically for the diagnosis of SCN2A-associated medical conditions when the testing is ordered by a treating physician or an advanced practice provider and determined to be medically necessary by the health coverage plan.

Proposed law also requires coverage for medically necessary treatment of SCN2A-associated medical conditions. In the event of a denial of coverage, proposed law requires written notification be provided, along with clear and detailed reasoning for the denial. Additionally, denials may be appealed in accordance with existing laws.

Proposed law permits the implementation of prior authorization procedures, if applied in a nondiscriminatory manner and no more restrictively than those applied to other medical benefits. Cost-sharing requirements may be imposed, but cannot exceed those applicable to other medical or surgical benefits under the same plan.

Proposed law clarifies eligibility by specifying that a family member is required to be included under the enrollee's coverage plan. Proposed law prohibits any denial of coverage based on disability, developmental status, or pre-existing conditions. Proposed law further requires that the mandated benefits will encompass rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices as part of the essential health benefits.

Proposed law does not apply to limited benefit health insurance policies or contracts.

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

(Adds R.S. 22:1049.1)