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DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 489)

Present law provides the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall submit an action plan, after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each of its contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year.

Proposed law amends present law to provide DHH shall develop and include within the annual diabetes action plan voluntary protocols for health care professionals consisting of clinical quality and performance measures for the treatment of patients with diabetes.

Proposed law provides the clinical quality and performance measures shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A1c control.
- (2) Low density lipoprotein control.
- (3) High blood pressure control.
- (4) Hypoglycemia control.
- (5) Tobacco non-use.

Proposed law provides the development, recognition, or implementation of any voluntary protocol pursuant to proposed law shall not be construed to establish a legal basis for negligence or the standard of care or duty of care owed by a health care provider to a patient in any civil action for medical malpractice or product liability.

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(Amends R.S. 46:2616(intro para); adds R.S. 46:2616(B))