

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 57

BY SENATOR BROOME

INSURERS. Mandates inclusion of lymphedema treatment as an option in health insurance coverage. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT  
2 To enact R.S. 22:1025.1, relative to group, blanket, and association health insurance; to  
3 mandate inclusion of coverage for the treatment of lymphedema as an option in  
4 certain policies; and to provide for related matters.  
5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1025.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:  
7 **§1025.1. Group, blanket, and association health insurance, treatment for**  
8 **lymphedema**  
9 **A. Any group, blanket, or association health insurance policy issued**  
10 **under R.S. 22:1000 shall include as an option to be exercised by the**  
11 **policyholder, as defined therein, covered benefits for the treatment of**  
12 **lymphedema, rendered or prescribed by a physician licensed in this state,**  
13 **received in any licensed hospital or in any other public or private facility**  
14 **authorized, to provide lymphedema treatment, including multilayer**  
15 **compression bandaging systems and custom or standard fit gradient**  
16 **compression garments.**  
17 **B. Any insurer who, on August 1, 2014, has group, blanket, or association**

1           **health insurance policies in force shall convert such existing policies to conform**  
2           **to the provisions of this Section on or before the renewal dates.**

3                   **C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to limited benefit health**  
4           **insurance policies or contracts authorized to be issued in this state.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Horne.

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DIGEST

Broome (SB 57)

Proposed law requires any group, blanket, or association health insurance policy in effect on August 1, 2014, or issued after that date to provide the policyholder with an option to include benefits for the treatment of lymphedema including multilayer compression bandaging systems and custom or standard fit gradient compression garments. Excludes limited benefit health insurance policies or contracts.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 22:1025.1)