

New law provides that any health insurance policy issued or issued for delivery in this state to include as an option, to be exercised by the policyholder, covered benefits for the treatment of lymphedema, rendered or prescribed by a physician licensed in this state or received in any licensed hospital or in any other public or private facility authorized to provide lymphedema treatment, including multilayer compression bandaging systems and custom or standard fit gradient compression garments.

Further requires that any insurer who, on August 1, 2014, has health insurance policies in force in this state to convert such existing policies to conform to the provisions of new law on or before the renewal dates.

Provides that it shall not apply to limited benefit health insurance policies or contracts.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 22:1025.1)