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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program to be administered by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals under the direction of the La. Sickle Cell Commission.

Proposed law establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program, referred to hereafter as "the program". Provides that the functions of the program shall include, without limitation, all of the following:

- (1) Training of patient navigators to serve as outreach coordinators, coordinators of family educational sessions, and patient case managers.
- (2) Establishing and strengthening a continuum of care for each sickle cell patient served by the program and for the families of those patients.
- (3) Identifying and contacting sickle cell patients, conducting home visits with patients and their family members, and coordinating patient care.
- (4) Facilitating collaboration among healthcare providers that serve sickle cell patients.
- (5) Delivering public health education on sickle cell disease and treatment.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Health and Hospitals shall administer the program under the direction of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Provides that implementation of proposed law shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature for operation of the program.

Present law provides for the functions of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto direction of the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program established by proposed law as a function of the commission.

(Adds R.S. 40:1299.4.3 and 2018.3(D)(5))