
DIGEST

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Abstract: Mandates that the state Office of Group Benefits offer coverage for treatment of morbid obesity through gastric bypass surgery or other methods recognized by the National Institutes of Health.

Proposed law defines "morbid obesity" as a body mass index (BMI) of at least 40 or a BMI of at least 35 along with comorbidity or existing medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes.

Proposed law requires the Office of Group Benefits to offer a provision stating that benefits shall be payable for the treatment of morbid obesity through gastric bypass surgery or other methods recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective for the long-term reversal of morbid obesity.

(Adds R.S. 42:860)