
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 119 by Senator Colomb

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 16, after "**means**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 17 and 18 and insert the following:

"an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial, and spiritual. "Palliative care" services:

- (a) Provide relief from pain and other distressing symptoms.**
- (b) Affirms life and regards dying as a normal process.**
- (c) Intends neither to hasten or postpone death.**
- (d) Integrates the psychosocial and spiritual aspects of patient care.**
- (e) Offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death.**
- (f) Offers a support system to help the family cope during the patients illness and in their own bereavement.**
- (g) Uses a team approach to address the needs of patients and their families, including bereavement counselling, if indicated.**
- (h) Will enhance quality of life, and may also positively influence the course of illness.**
- (i) Is applicable early in the course of illness, in conjunction with other therapies that are intended to prolong life, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and includes those investigations needed to better understand and manage distressing clinical complications."**

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 1, after "**care**" delete "**and**" and insert "," and after "**who**" delete "**is**" and insert "**shall be**" and after "**management**" insert "**, and one who shall be board certified in pediatric care**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

- (j) The Medicaid director, or his designee.**
- (3) The council may engage and solicit, as necessary, input, recommendations, and guidance pertaining to palliative care from interested parties and stakeholders including but not limited to the following:**
 - (a) The Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.**
 - (b) The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.**
 - (c) The Home Care Association of Louisiana.**
 - (d) Hospice of Acadiana.**
 - (e) Hospice of Baton Rouge.**
 - (f) The Louisiana Nursing Home Association.**
 - (g) The Louisiana Department of Health, office for citizens with developmental disabilities.**
 - (h) The Louisiana Department of Health, office of behavioral health.**
 - (i) American Association of Retired Persons ("AARP").**
 - (j) The Alzheimer's Association.**
 - (k) Louisiana State Medical Society.**
 - (l) ALS Association Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter."**

1 AMENDMENT NO. 4

2 On page 3, line 22, delete "**(3)(a)**" and insert "**(4)(a)**"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 5

4 On page 3, line 23, delete "**two**" and insert "**three**"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 6

6 On page 3, line 24, after "**authority**" delete the remainder of the line

7 AMENDMENT NO. 7

8 On page 4, line 2, delete "**twice**" and insert "**quarterly**"