

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 392

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid and private insurance coverage for perimenopausal and menopausal care

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VIII of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to  
3 be comprised of R.S. 40:1259.1 through 1259.3, relative to coverage of  
4 perimenopausal and menopausal care; to provide for hormonal and symptomatic  
5 treatment; to provide for Medicaid coverage; to provide for enrollment  
6 qualifications; to provide for insurance coverage; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1259.1 through 1259.3, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART VIII. MENOPAUSAL CARE COVERAGE

11 §1259.1. Menopausal care; Medicaid coverage

12 A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall make available to persons who  
13 are eligible for Medicaid benefits under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42  
14 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., coverage benefits for hormonal care for any woman who is  
15 experiencing menopausal or perimenopausal symptoms.

16 B. The symptoms for which such funding shall be made available include but  
17 are not limited to the following:

- 18 (1) Irregular menstrual periods.
- 19 (2) Hot flashes.
- 20 (3) Vaginal or bladder problems.

1           (4) Decrease in fertility.

2           (5) Loss of bone.

3           (6) Increase in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels.

4           (7) Sleep disruption, which includes night sweats.

5           C. For the purposes of this Part, the following definitions apply:

6           (1) "Menopause" means the permanent cessation of menstruation due to loss  
7           of ovarian follicular function. During menopause, ovaries stop releasing eggs and  
8           the body produces less estrogen and progesterone.

9           (2) "Perimenopause" means the transition period in which a woman is near  
10          the end of her reproductive years or at the onset of menopause.

11          D. The department may seek approval of a federal Medicaid waiver and state  
12          plan amendments as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

13          §1259.2. Medicaid coverage for perimenopausal and menopausal care

14          A. The Louisiana Medicaid program shall cover inpatient and, if deemed  
15          appropriate, outpatient coverage for perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care  
16          when such care or treatment is used for a medically accepted indication and  
17          administered in any healthcare facility by any healthcare professional appropriately  
18          licensed in this state to provide such medical treatment or care in accordance with  
19          state and federal guidelines or certifications.

20          B. Any healthcare facility appropriately providing perimenopausal or  
21          menopausal treatment or care in accordance with state and federal guidelines or  
22          certifications that participates in the Louisiana Medicaid program shall provide  
23          perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care to an individual who is eligible for  
24          such enrollment as defined in Subsection C of this Section.

25          C.(1) To receive coverage from the Louisiana Medicaid program for  
26          perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care, the eligibility of a prospective  
27          enrollee shall be determined by the healthcare facility appropriately providing  
28          perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care in accordance with state and federal  
29          guidelines or certifications as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

1           (2) A prospective enrollee shall be considered eligible for perimenopausal  
2           or menopausal treatment or care enrollment if the individual satisfies all of the  
3           following qualifications:

4           (a) The individual is enrolled in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

5           (b) A licensed healthcare provider has certified that perimenopausal or  
6           menopausal treatment or care is medically necessary and appropriate to treat the  
7           individual's condition.

8           (c) The perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care is administered in  
9           any healthcare facility appropriately providing perimenopausal or menopausal  
10          treatment or care in accordance with state and federal guidelines or certifications.

11          D. Pursuant to this Section, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of  
12          Health shall do all of the following:

13          (1) Submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services all necessary  
14          state plan amendments.

15          (2) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations in accordance with the  
16          Administrative Procedure Act.

17          (3) Take any other actions necessary to implement the provisions of this  
18          Section.

19          §1259.3. Required coverage for perimenopausal and menopausal care

20          A health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state that  
21          provides hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for individuals covered under a  
22          respective plan shall provide coverage for expenses incurred for medically necessary  
23          perimenopausal and menopausal care or treatment.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for Medicaid and private insurance coverage for perimenopausal and menopausal care.

Proposed law requires LDH to make available to persons who are eligible for Medicaid benefits under present law coverage benefits for hormonal menopausal care for any woman who is experiencing menopausal or perimenopausal symptoms.

Proposed law defines "perimenopausal" and "menopause".

Proposed law provides that symptoms for which such funding shall be made available include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Irregular menstrual periods.
- (2) Hot flashes.
- (3) Vaginal or bladder problems.
- (4) Decrease in fertility.
- (5) Loss of bone.
- (6) Increase in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels.
- (7) Sleep disruption, which includes night sweats.

Proposed law provides that LDH may seek approval of a federal Medicaid waiver and state plan amendments as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Medicaid program in this state to cover inpatient and, if deemed appropriate, outpatient coverage for perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care when such care or treatment, is used for a medically accepted indication, and administered in any healthcare facility by any healthcare professional appropriately licensed in this state to provide such medical treatment or care in accordance with state and federal provisions.

Proposed law provides that the eligibility of a prospective enrollee shall be determined by the healthcare facility appropriately providing perimenopausal or menopausal treatment or care as provided in proposed law.

Proposed law establishes certain requirements for the secretary of LDH in compliance with proposed law.

Proposed law provides that any health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans in this state that provides hospital, medical, or surgical benefits for individuals shall provide coverage for expenses incurred for medically necessary perimenopausal and menopausal care or treatment.

(Adds R.S. 40:1259.1-1259.3)