

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 534

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for health insurance coverage for epinephrine auto-injectors

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1057, relative to insurance coverage for epinephrine; to require coverage
3 of epinephrine auto-injectors for minors; to prohibit application of cost-sharing
4 provisions; to define key terms; to provide for applicability; to provide for an
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1057 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1057. Coverage for epinephrine auto-injectors

9 A.(1) Any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state
10 shall include coverage for medically necessary epinephrine auto-injectors for persons
11 eighteen years of age or younger.

12 (2) The coverage provided in this Section shall not be subject to annual
13 deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or other out-of-pocket expense provisions.

14 B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

15 (1) "Epinephrine auto-injector" means a portable, disposable drug delivery
16 device that contains a measured, single dose of epinephrine that is used to treat a
17 person suffering a potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

18 (2) "Health coverage plan" means any hospital, health, or medical expense
19 insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan,
20 contract, or other agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred

1 provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance
2 contract of this type in this state, including a group insurance plan, a self-insurance
3 plan, and the Office of Group Benefits programs. "Health coverage plan" shall not
4 include a plan providing coverage for excepted benefits as defined in R.S. 22:1061,
5 limited benefit health insurance plans, and short-term policies that have a term of
6 less than twelve months.

7 Section 2(A). This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

8 (B) This Act shall apply to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage
9 plan issued on and after January 1, 2021. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in
10 effect prior to January 1, 2021, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act on or
11 before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2021.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires coverage of epinephrine auto-injectors for persons aged 18 or younger.

Proposed law requires any health coverage plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include coverage for medically necessary epinephrine auto-injectors for persons 18 years of age or younger.

Proposed law prohibits the coverage from being subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or other out-of-pocket expense provisions.

Proposed law defines "epinephrine auto-injector" and "health coverage plan".

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 22:1057)