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SENATE BILL NO. 35

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Provides for health action plans by the Department of Health and Hospitals. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 46-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:2616 and 2617, relative to annual health action plans prepared by the Department of Health and Hospitals; to provide for a diabetes annual action plan; to provide for an obesity annual action plan; to provide for the preparation and submission requirements; to provide for the required content of the action plans; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 46-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:2616 and 2617, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 46-A. HEALTH ACTION PLANS**

**§2616. Diabetes annual action plan; submission; content**

**The Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit an action plan, after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each of the contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year on the following:**

1           **(1) The financial impact and reach diabetes of all types is having on the**  
2           **state of Louisiana and its residents. Items in this assessment shall include the**  
3           **number of lives with diabetes covered by Medicaid through the Department of**  
4           **Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the number of lives with**  
5           **diabetes impacted by the prevention and diabetes control programs**  
6           **implemented by the department and its contracted partners, the financial cost**  
7           **diabetes and its complications places on the department and its contracted**  
8           **partners, and the financial cost diabetes and its complications places on the**  
9           **department and its contracted partners in comparison to other chronic diseases**  
10           **and conditions.**

11           **(2) An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities**  
12           **aimed at controlling diabetes and preventing the disease.**

13           **(3) A description of the level of coordination existing between the**  
14           **Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other**  
15           **stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of**  
16           **communication on managing, treating, or preventing all forms of diabetes and**  
17           **its complications.**

18           **(4) The development of a detailed action plan for battling diabetes with**  
19           **a range of actionable items. The plan shall identify proposed action steps to**  
20           **reduce the impact of diabetes, prediabetes, and related diabetes complications.**  
21           **The plan shall identify expected outcomes of the action steps proposed while**  
22           **establishing benchmarks for controlling and preventing diabetes.**

23           **(5) The development of a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs,**  
24           **costs, and resources to implement the plan identified in Paragraph (4) of this**  
25           **Section.**

26           **§2617. Obesity annual action plan; submission; content**

27           **The Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit an action plan,**  
28           **after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each**  
29           **of the contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and**

1 Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than  
2 February first of each year on the following:

3 (1) The financial impact and reach obesity is having on the state of  
4 Louisiana and its residents. Items included in this assessment shall include the  
5 number of lives with obesity covered by Medicaid through the Department of  
6 Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the number of lives with  
7 obesity impacted by the prevention and control programs implemented by the  
8 Department of Health and Hospitals and its contracted partners, the financial  
9 cost obesity and its complications places on the Department of Health and  
10 Hospitals and its contracted partners, and the financial cost obesity and its  
11 complications places on the Department of Health and Hospitals and its  
12 contracted partners in comparison to other chronic diseases and conditions.

13 (2) An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities  
14 aimed at controlling obesity and preventing the disease.

15 (3) A description of the level of coordination existing between the  
16 Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other  
17 stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of  
18 communication on managing, treating, or preventing obesity and its  
19 complications.

20 (4) The development of a detailed action plan for battling obesity with  
21 a range of actionable items. The plan shall identify proposed action steps to  
22 reduce the impact of obesity and related obesity complications. The plan shall  
23 identify expected outcomes of the action steps proposed while establishing  
24 benchmarks for controlling and preventing obesity.

25 (5) The development of a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs,  
26 costs, and resources to implement the plan identified in Paragraph (4) of this  
27 Section.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law provides the Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit a diabetes action plan, after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each of the contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain the financial impact and reach that diabetes of all types is having on the state of Louisiana and its residents.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain an assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities aimed at controlling diabetes and preventing the disease.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a description of the level of coordination existing between the Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of communication on managing, treating, or preventing all forms of diabetes and its complications.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a detailed action plan for battling diabetes with a range of actionable items. The plan shall identify proposed action steps to reduce the impact of diabetes, prediabetes, and related diabetes complications.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs, costs, and resources to implement.

Proposed law provides the Department of Health and Hospitals shall submit an obesity action plan, after consulting with and receiving comments from the medical director of each of the contracted Medicaid partners, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than February first of each year.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain the financial impact and reach that obesity is having on the state of Louisiana and its residents.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain an assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities aimed at controlling obesity and preventing the disease.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a description of the level of coordination existing between the Department of Health and Hospitals, its contracted partners, and other stakeholders on activities, programmatic activities, and the level of communication on managing, treating, or preventing obesity and its complications.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a detailed action plan for battling obesity with a range of actionable items.

Proposed law provides the action plan shall contain a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs, costs, and resources to implement.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:2616 and 2617)