

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 464

BY SENATOR TALBOT

MEDICAID. Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for genetic testing of critically ill infants with no diagnosis. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1081.12, relative to Medicaid coverage for genetic testing of critically ill

3 infants; to provide for coverage for rapid whole genome sequencing testing of certain

4 infants; to provide for the duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of

5 Health; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1081.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1081.12. Medicaid coverage; genetic testing of critically ill infants**

9 **A.(1) Subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid**

10 **Services, the Louisiana medical assistance program shall include coverage on**

11 **a fee-for-service basis for rapid whole genome sequencing testing of an infant**

12 **who is enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan and meets all of the following**

13 **criteria:**

14 **(a) Is one year of age or younger.**

15 **(b) Has a complex illness of unknown etiology.**

16 **(c) Is receiving inpatient hospital services in an intensive care unit or in**

17 **a pediatric care unit.**

1                    **(2) Coverage provided for the infant pursuant to this Section shall**  
2                    **include individual sequencing, trio sequencing of the parents of the infant, and**  
3                    **ultra-rapid sequencing.**

4                    **B. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall take all**  
5                    **actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not**  
6                    **limited to both of the following:**

7                    **(1) Promulgation of rules and regulations in accordance with the**  
8                    **Administrative Procedure Act to provide for Medicaid coverage pursuant to**  
9                    **this Section.**

10                   **(2) Submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of any**  
11                   **new waiver application, amendment to an existing waiver, or Medicaid state**  
12                   **plan amendment to provide for Medicaid coverage pursuant to this Section.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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## DIGEST

SB 464 Engrossed

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Proposed law provides for Medicaid coverage on a fee-for-service basis for rapid whole genome sequencing of a critically ill infant who is one year or younger, is receiving care in the intensive care unit or in the pediatric care unit, and has a complex illness of unknown etiology.

Proposed law is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 40:1081.12)