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2025 Regular Session Summary

- Fiscal Session/Limited Subject Matter
- Convened April 14
- Adjourned June 12
- 944 Total Bills
- 696 House Bills; 248 Senate Bills
- 153 Concurrent Resolutions
- LHA Actively Monitored 106 Pieces of Legislation

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Behavioral Health

- **SB 42** by Sen. Larry Selders (D-Baton Rouge):
 - Requires Medicaid and commercial coverage of inpatient admissions for perinatal behavioral health treatment.
 - Health insurance issuers shall not deny coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment for a patient with a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis if determined to be medically necessary by a physician.
 - Action: [Act 410](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025

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Behavioral Health

- **SB 96** by Sen. Patrick McMath (R-Covington):
 - Requires Medicaid to reimburse Partial Hospitalization Programs at a Medicare equivalent rate.
 - Subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature or upon notification by the Secretary of LDH to JLCB that the Department has identified available funds within its existing budget authority.
 - Action: [Act 417](#); Effective Date: July 1, 2025

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Behavioral Health

- **SB 120** by Sen. Larry Selders (D-Baton Rouge):
 - Allows for the use of PEC in instances where the individual is willing to seek voluntary admission upon arrival at the treating facility.
 - Action: [Act 421](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025
- **HB 137** by Rep. Josh Carlson (R-Lafayette):
 - Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to evaluate a patient via telehealth for emergency certificates.
 - Action: [Act 148](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025

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Forensic Medical Exams

- **HB 531** by Rep. Travis Johnson (D-Vidalia):
 - Requires all hospitals to provide certain information on forensic medical exams.
 - Amended to only require hospitals to provide information about the ability to receive a sexual assault examination.
 - Requires the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct a comprehensive audit of the services available to survivors of sexual assault across Louisiana.
 - Action: [Act 289](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025
- **HB 355** by Rep. Aimee Freeman (D-New Orleans):
 - Provides for an exception to post-employment restrictions for sexual assault nurse examiners.
 - Action: [Act 184](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025

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General Health

- **SB 14** by Sen. Patrick McMath (R-Covington):
 - Prohibits schools from serving "ultra processed foods;"
 - Requires physicians to complete continuing medical education on nutrition;
 - Requires manufacturers to include warning labels when certain ingredients are used in the product; and
 - Requires food establishments to add disclaimers on menus when the establishment uses seed oils.
 - Action: [Act 463](#); Effective Date: See Act

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General Health

- **HB 125** by Rep. Dodie Horton (R-Haughton):
 - Provides for the protection, storage, and access of genomic information.
 - Prohibits medical and research facilities from putting into service any new human genomic sequencer that is produced in a country defined in the legislation as a "foreign adversary."
 - The LHA worked closely with the author to mitigate any unintended consequences that would potentially delay or adversely impact the provision of patient care.
 - Action: [Act 244](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025

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Healthcare Providers


- **HB 159** by Rep. Joseph Stagni (R-Kenner):
 - Increases the number of PT supportive personnel who can be supervised by a PT.
 - Increases the number of physical therapy supportive personnel who can be supervised by a PT from five to six individuals.
 - Changes the frequency by which a PT must treat and assess a patient from every sixth treatment day to every twelfth treatment day or every 30 days, whichever occurs first.
 - Action: [Act 65](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025

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Healthcare Providers


- **HB 423** by Rep. Jeremy LaCombe (R-Livonia):
 - Strengthens the existing requirements for advertising using the term "Doctor" or "Dr." to include rules promulgated by the licensing board for the provider's profession or occupation.
 - Requires healthcare professionals to display proper licensure in any advertisement, whether in print, electronic, or on social media.
 - Action: [Act 362](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025



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Hospitals


- **HB 314** by Rep. Dustin Miller (D-Opelousas):
 - Repeals current exemption for certain Level III birthing units from the requirement of having anesthesia services onsite 24/7.
 - Action: [Act 77](#); Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026



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Health Insurance


- **HB 357** by Rep. Aimee Freeman (D-New Orleans):
 - Requires health insurance coverage for integrative cancer treatments.
 - Includes acupuncture, cryotherapy, and scalp cooling systems used in connection with medical treatment for cancer, when such treatments are recommended by nationally recognized cancer treatment guidelines.
 - Action: [Act 227](#); Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026
- **SB 129** by Sen. Thomas Pressly (R-Shreveport):
 - Requires health insurance coverage of proton therapy for cancer patients as recommended by the American Society for Radiation Oncology practice guidelines.
 - Action: [Act 112](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025



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Health Insurance


- **HB 382** by Rep. Michael Bayham (R-Chalmette):
 - Requires health insurance coverage of home visiting services for newborns.
 - Includes at least one visit during a newborn's first three months of life, with the opportunity for the family to choose follow-up visits, and at least one follow-up visit no later than three months after the last visit.
 - Action: [Act 190](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025
- **HB 467** by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty (R-Metairie):
 - Requires health insurance coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas.
 - Action: [Act 367](#); Effective Date: Subject to Appropriation



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Maternal Health


- **SB 174** by Sen. Katrina Jackson-Andrews (D-Monroe):
 - Requires healthcare providers who provide routine prenatal care to test for HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea at the first prenatal visit.
 - Requires healthcare providers to test for HIV and syphilis at the time of delivery.
 - Requires every licensed healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman to screen her for substance use disorder during the first trimester of pregnancy or at the time of first examination after confirming pregnancy, if the provider utilizing his professional medical judgment believes that the screening would be in the best interest of the patient and such screening has not already occurred.
 - Action: [Act 437](#); Effective Date: June 20, 2025



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Medical Malpractice


- **SB 134** by Sen. Thomas Pressly (R-Shreveport):
 - Was introduced this session to strengthen the Louisiana Medical Malpractice Act by clarifying the definition of "healthcare," "healthcare provider," and "malpractice."
 - Provides clarity under current law that the application of the Medical Malpractice Act also applies to "all acts associated with the medical treatment of an individual, whether directly related to clinical care or performed in an administrative or managerial capacity necessary for the delivery of such care."
 - Action: [Act 342](#); Effective Date: Aug. 1, 2025



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Tax


- **SB 243** by Sen. Mike Reese (R-Leesville):
 - Clarifies and strengthens existing Louisiana law that exempts prescription drugs paid for by the Louisiana Medicaid program from the application of state and local sales and use tax.
 - Recently, several parish governing authorities attempted to interpret the existing law to not apply to prescription drugs purchased by the Medicaid managed care plans.
 - Legislation amends the existing language by making the exemption apply to any sale of a prescription to an individual enrolled in the Medicaid program.
 - Action: [Act 339](#); Effective Date: June 11, 2025



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Tax


- **HB 578** by Rep. Julie Emerson (R-Carencro), among other provisions:
 - Strengthens the existing exemption to the application of sales and use tax for digital products used by licensed healthcare facilities for storing and transmitting healthcare information and for the diagnosis or treatment of a medical condition.
 - Adds "computer software or prewritten computer software access services and information services" to the existing exemption language.
 - Action: [Act 384](#); Effective Date: June 20, 2025



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Worker's Compensation

- **SB 213** by Sen. Alan Seabaugh (R-Many):
 - Sought to implement a new professional fee schedule that was based on the use of relative value units and conversion factors delineated in the proposed legislation.
 - Would have required OWC to conduct a survey of providers to determine the appropriate payment amount for facility services.
 - Died in Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.
- **HB 117** by Rep. Michael Echols (R-Monroe):
 - Sought to require OWC to utilize fee schedules in other states as means to update the Louisiana fee schedule.
 - Died in Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.



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Worker's Compensation

- **SR 128** by Sen. Patrick McMath (R-Covington):
 - Was adopted by the Senate because of the two previous bills failing to pass.
 - Calls for the creation of a Task Force on Workers' Compensation.
 - Task force will consist of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, one senator appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, one senator appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, and one member appointed by the president of the Senate.
 - The task force is required to submit a report to the Senate no later than Feb. 1, 2026.

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Medicaid

- **HB 565** by Rep. Annie Spell (R-Lafayette):
 - Provides relative to third-party liability, claim adjudication, and timeliness of such within the state medical assistance program.
 - Prohibits Medicaid managed care plans from "amending, modifying, or changing in any manner a claim submitted by a healthcare provider or adjusting, downcoding, or paying a claim at a lower level of service than what was submitted by the healthcare provider."
 - Requires Medicaid managed care plans to provide information about potential third-party liability to LDH prior to denying or recouping a provider claim, and requires that the information be standardized and available to the provider through the Medicaid eligibility verification system.
 - Action: [Act 293](#); Effective Date: See Act

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Medicaid


- **HCR 2: Rep. Jack McFarland (R-Jonesboro):**
 - Maintains the hospital assessment provisions for SFY 25-26.
 - Maintains base-rate increases and continues the hospital and LPR directed payment programs for SFY 25-26.
 - [HCR 2](#) was enrolled on June 10.

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Hospital/LPR Directed Payment Programs



- SFY 2026 Hospital/LPR Preprints submitted to CMS on May 16, 2025
 - Followed by LDH/CMS Q&A exchange
 - Preprints remain under review at CMS
- Operation/Timing
 - According to LDH and subject to CMS approval of preprints:
 - Posting and timing of payments expected to mirror previous years
 - Reconciliation will be conducted in the same manner as last year
 - SFY 23-24 Reconciliation amounts (+ or -) netted into SFY 25-26 totals and spread out over quarterly schedule



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Medicaid Directed Payments: Looking Ahead


- LDH and its contractor are working to fully understand operational impacts to our programs and how to address those impacts in future years.
- LDH continues to engage with the LHA and its members for dialogue and input on future program design.

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