

**Alliance for the Advancement of End of Life Care Tracked Bills List-
Hospice (Current Status)
Any Specified Tracking Position**

Friday, May 15, 2020

HB 158, Marino Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in treating certain neurodegenerative diseases and conditions

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Comment: *Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in treating the following neurodegenerative diseases and conditions. 1. Alzheimer s disease 2. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 3. Huntington s disease 4. Lewy body dementia 5. Motor neuron disease 6. Parkinson s disease 7. Spinal muscular atrophy*

STATUS: May 15, 2020 House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 386, James Adds to the set of debilitating conditions qualifying a patient for a recommendation of medical marijuana by a physician

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Comment: *Adds any condition that a physician, in his medical opinion, considers debilitating to an individual patient and is qualified through his medical education and training to treat to the list of debilitating medical conditions recommended for medical marijuana.*

STATUS: March 9, 2020 Pending in House Committee on Health & Welfare

HB 418, LaCombe Provides relative to immunity from prosecution for medical marijuana

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Comment: *Exempts facilities licensed by LDH that has patients using medical marijuana from prosecution for certain violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.*

STATUS: March 9, 2020 Pending in House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

HB 455, LaCombe Authorizes recommendation of medical marijuana by physicians for patients in hospice or palliative care

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Comment: *Adds any condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care to the list of debilitating medical conditions recommended for medical marijuana.*

STATUS: May 15, 2020 House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 589, Echols Provides for Medicaid policies and procedures concerning telehealth services

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Comment: *Requires LDH to periodically review Medicaid telehealth reimbursement policies and identify variations between the Medicaid and Medicare programs. Authorizes LDH to modify Medicaid rules, policies and procedures applicable to telehealth services to provide for a reimbursement system that is comparable to the Medicare program. Requires LDH to include the following information relating to telehealth in its Medicaid policies and procedures: 1. Exhaustive list of covered healthcare services that may be furnished through telehealth. 2. Processes by which providers can submit claims for reimbursement for healthcare services furnished through telehealth. 3. Conditions under which a managed care organization may reimburse a provider or facility that is no physically located in Louisiana for healthcare services furnished to a Louisiana Medicaid enrollee through telehealth.*

STATUS: May 15, 2020 Passed in the House; sent to the Senate

HB 595, Davis Creates and provides for the Task Force on Opioid Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery

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Comment: *Creates the Task Force on Opioid Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery within LDH. LMHPCO is listed as a stakeholder. The purposes of the task force shall include: (1) Leading a statewide policy response, coordinating resources, and engaging stakeholders across Louisiana concerning prevention and treatment of opioid use disorder. (2) Developing recommendations on an annual basis to inform legislative and executive actions that address opioid use prevention, treatment, and recovery.*

STATUS: March 9, 2020 Pending in House Committee on Health & Welfare

SB 169, Mills, F. Provides relative to facility need review

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Comment: *Implements a facility need review process for home- and community-based service providers, adult day healthcare providers, hospice providers or inpatient hospice facilities, pediatric day healthcare facilities, behavioral health services providers that provide psychosocial rehabilitation or community psychiatric support and treatment services, and opioid treatment programs licensed under a behavioral health services provider license.*

STATUS: March 9, 2020 Pending in Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

Friday, May 15, 2020

SB 483, Mills, F. Provides relative to the licensure of hospice providers

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Comment: *Allows the Louisiana Department of Health to proceed with rulemaking to expand the minimum requirements for hospice licensure to include eligible participants that have not been given a terminally ill diagnosis upon recommendation of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council created pursuant to R.S. 40:2018.6 and approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.*

STATUS: March 9, 2020 Pending in Senate Committee on Health and Welfare