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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to state group insurance program  
coverage for obesity treatment; amending s. 110.12303,  
F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services  
to provide coverage for specified strategies for the  
evidence-based treatment and management of obesity and  
related conditions for state group health insurance  
plan policies issued on or after a specified date;  
prohibiting coverage criteria for weight management  
medications from being more restrictive than the  
United States Food and Drug Administration's  
indications for such medications; requiring the  
department to adopt certain protocols and criteria by  
a specified date; specifying such protocols and  
criteria; defining terms; requiring the department to  
submit a specified report to the Governor and  
Legislature annually by a specified date; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 110.12303,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

110.12303 State group insurance program; additional  
benefits; price transparency program; reporting.—

(9) (a) For state group health insurance plan policies  
issued on or after January 1, 2027, the department shall provide  
coverage for all of the following evidence-based strategies for  
the treatment and management of obesity and related conditions,

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as prescribed by a licensed provider:

1. Intensive health behavioral and lifestyle intervention.
2. FDA-approved weight management medications.

(b) Coverage criteria for FDA-approved weight management medications may not be more restrictive than the United States Food and Drug Administration-approved indications for such medications. Coverage for intensive health behavioral and lifestyle treatment may include interventions certified or recognized by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or recommended by current clinical standards of care. Services may be provided in an office setting, through telehealth, or in community-based settings to support patient access and needs.

(c) The department shall adopt protocols and criteria for such coverage by January 1, 2027, which must include, but are not limited to, that the employee:

1. Is enrolled in one of the state group health insurance plans or HMO plans participating under this section;
2. Is 18 years of age or older;
3. Was referred and is supervised by an in-network licensed provider;
4. Has consented to provide personal and medical information to the department, including medical records documenting body mass index or weight-related comorbidities;
5. Has received a clinical diagnosis of obesity by an in-network licensed provider;
6. Is required to participate in intensive health behavioral and lifestyle intervention; and
7. Meets any additional clinical and participation

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59 requirements to manage the cost of coverage.

60 (d) As used in this subsection, the term:

61 1. "FDA-approved weight management medication" means any  
62 glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) agonist medication approved by  
63 the United States Food and Drug Administration with an  
64 indication for chronic weight management in patients with an  
65 obesity diagnosis.

66 2. "Intensive health behavioral and lifestyle intervention"  
67 means an evidence-based, intensive, multicomponent behavioral or  
68 lifestyle modification intervention designed to support healthy  
69 weight management as recommended by current clinical standards  
70 of care. Interventions include obesity screening, nutrition  
71 assessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention,  
72 nutrition monitoring and evaluation, and behavioral counseling  
73 and therapy aimed at weight loss through lifestyle  
74 modifications, such as changes in diet and increased physical  
75 activity. Interventions may be provided in office, through  
76 telehealth, or in community-based settings to support patient  
77 access and needs. Therapy for obesity must be delivered in  
78 accordance with applicable national clinical standards of care,  
79 using evidence-based behavioral counseling frameworks.

80 (e) By January 15 of each year, the department shall submit  
81 a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
82 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must include  
83 the participation level and cost savings to both the enrollee  
84 and the state resulting from implementation of this subsection.

85 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.